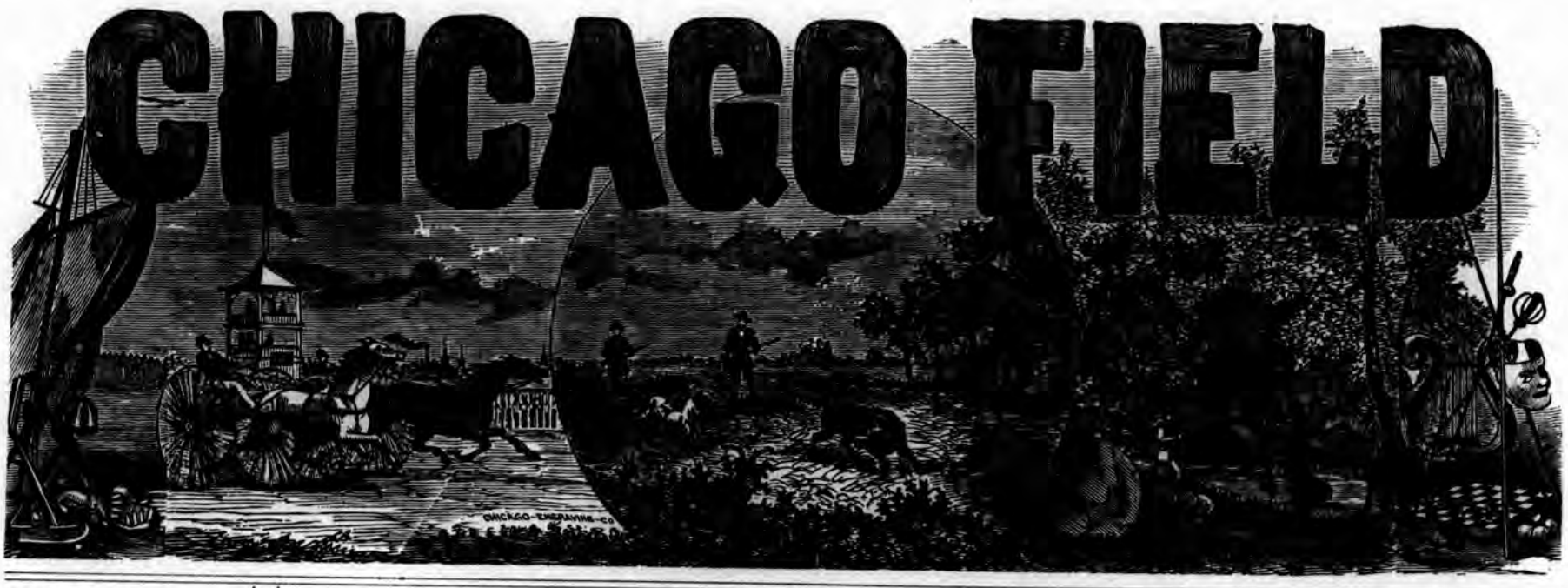

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Uniformity in Targetting.

BY GLOAN.

Many causes have prevented me from continuing the experiments which I reported a year ago for your paper; but you will remember these experiments demonstrated the fact that a gun could be made to shoot close or open simply by changing the wads. To what extent this change could be affected was the only remaining question, and I hope to answer it fully during the Summer. A matter of such great importance to all sportsmen ought not to be left in doubt. If it be true, as I am inclined at present to believe it is, that by changing the powder and the shot wads, a modified choke bore gun can be made to concentrate all its load into the smallest consistent space, or per contra to spread it over the greatest consistent space, and yet retain in both cases the superiority of penetration which the choke confessedly has over the cylinder, then we have attained the long sought for secret of loading which makes us masters of our guns' performances.

It is very gratifying to me to observe that the practice of targetting is on the increase. Of late years the standard of the shotgun has been elevated in every respect, and there is no method which offers such infallable tests of execution as the target. Gun makers know this, and all of them *profess* to have targetted each gun before sending it out. All of them, however, do not do so, and purchasers who have accepted their assurances blindly have only discovered the error by trying the gun themselves. Consequently the papers now constantly contain reports of such targettings, and also inquiries whether the results can be considered good or not.

I would like to impress upon all the necessity of uniformity in targetting, in order that all conditions shall be equal, and therefore that all comparisons shall be by a universal standard. Rifle practitioners understand this thoroughly, and so should we.

The shot-gun target should be always thirty inches in diameter, and the distance should always be forty yards from the muzzle of the gun. These dimensions are taken because we know that the radius of that diameter represents the maximum killing circle, i. e., penetration and pattern, at that distance for any gun.

Pattern and penetration cannot be successfully combined beyond a certain point. If the pattern is attained beyond that, it is at the expense of the penetration, and if the penetration is unduly obtained, it is only by the loss of pattern. This circle at this distance gives the desired mean, and it should, therefore, never be less. But if it is desired to obtain the entire spread of the shot and to know the waste of the load, the target may be more, viz.: it may be forty inches in diameter, but the results in the thirty and the forty inch should be separately recorded. Beyond this diameter it is useless to go, because the divergence of the shot to a greater spread renders them wholly ineffectual.

The distance should be forty yards, because that is the "point blank" range of all guns, as they are now ribbed, and it should be taken from the muzzle of the gun, because if otherwise taken, a gain of about two yards can be made by a tall man, and this is an important difference.

As I have said, the wads are mighty factors in the loading, and therefore, when targets are reported, the number and kind of each wad used on the powder and shot should be also reported. The make of shot should invariably be stated, as the number of pellets to the ounce vary with each maker. The difference between St. Louis and New York shot, for instance, being fully one size.

If a centre pad is used, it should contain one hundred square inches. The thirty inch circle contains seven hundred and seven square inches.

The more closely the co-efficients produced by dividing the total number of shot in the centre pattern by one hundred, and the total number in the thirty inch circle by seven hundred and seven approximate each other, the nearer we are to perfection.

There are disputed questions in targetting which I will not now trouble you with, but may hereafter treat of them. Among these are the great questions whether, if at all, and how far, the higher velocity smashes shot and gives lessened penetration but greater killing effect, and how far the resistance and rebound of a target *en masse*, such as a bound volume or Petitt's pads, retards penetration.

All I wish to do now is to get the sportsmen of the country to adopt a uniform target, a settled distance, and make full and accurate reports and we shall soon be able to know, almost with the precision of rifle targetting, what a gun can do.

For the want of these, the "Barnaby Rudge" target, reported in your paper last week, by Mr. Munson, is unsatisfactory. It was 7x5; charge of shot 1¼ St. Louis. I don't know how many pellets this would give of St. Louis, but of Otis LeRoy's, N. Y., it would be 469. There are 207 shots in the paper at thirty-five yards, or it may have been thirty-three. If we had had the forty inch target, we could have known what was the wastage of the load. Deducting that from the entire result in the thirty inch circle we could have got the killing pattern of the load and thus have known what execution the gun can be relied on to do in the field.

Clearly, if it always puts at least one-half of its whole load in a seven inch circle, at that distance, and there is much wastage of the balance, then to kill it requires to be held almost like a rifle on a bird, and the spread of the balance leaves but small margin for rapid shooting. If, however, the balance is well distributed in a 30-inch circle, and shows the usual killing penetration, then is a very strong shooting gun.

However, in this instance, there was evidently no intention of making a test target; therefore, I am not criticizing the gun at all.

It has struck me as strange that so far no one has made a thorough trial of the St. Louis shell. I am only waiting opportunity to satisfy myself about them; but meantime it is due to the inventors and the public that their merits or demerits should be ascertained.

Certainly, if there was anything in Joe Martin's theory of the conical breech, these shells ought to be a great auxilliary to the breech-loader.

In conclusion, I would again urge the importance of targetting thus uniformly and systematically. By such means we can develope the gun's greatest powers, and by such competitive tests we will compel the gun-maker, who wishes to thrive, to turn out a piece that is up to the best target on record.

Opening of the Season at Fox Lake.

FOX LAKE, ILL., April 27, 1877.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—This truly sporting suburb of Chicago is now fast emerging from the lethargy of Winter, and its surging billows already mimic the classic surf of Long Branch. With a presidential villa on Paddy Clark's point, you could scarcely tell the difference. The frogs, though still impeded with a certain gutteral hoarseness, already act in concert and lull the peaceful inhabitants to sleep with croaking duets, rendered impressive, almost solemn, with the measured tones and ghostly cadence of the big hollow bulls like the gurgling gasp of drowning men. It's very cheerful, however, taken altogether, and, as the welcome harbingers of Summer, we would sadly miss those aquatic whispers as well as the lustres of the little blue-bird, the sweet-faced robin, the shrill-toned kingfisher and his twitching tail and heaving wing ere he opens his baptism of fire on his maiden prey, though minnows, in the connubial state, alike are visited with the same remorseles fate, as no distinctions of creeds and persuasions affect his pagan stomach. Nor is the little fly-catcher or the initial fly itself amongst the least attractive messengers of Spring. All these harmonious signs blended together and mellowed with the warm rays of the vernal sun, exhale an exhuberant freshness which expands the heart in sympathy with the budding leaves and whispers of Summer joys and relaxations to the toiling world. Now is the time when the mind instinctively reverts to the fishing rod, the mossy banks of the laughing stream, or suggests a pet design for the model canoe. Rivers, streams, lakes, fish, landscapes and invigorating atmospheres, like a soft mirage, now charm the eye in anticipation and promise a fresh lease of life, pleasures and happiness to those who know the secrets of simple enjoyment in the rustic air under the canopy of heaven. If water, as indeed it is, is an indispensable condition of rural felicity, especially to urban populations, then, indeed, Fox and Pistaqua lakes should afford Chicago all the suburban luxuries which even the most fastidious tastes demand. Fishing, hunting and dreamy contemplation can here be indulged in beyond sober limits until the heart, fairly surfeited with pleasure, again pines for the desk or counter, and only those who but derive comfort and enchantment from magnificent distances, need look elsewhere for solid and comparatively fireside recreation. The members of the Chicago Club, for instance, frequently make up a party of congenial souls on Saturday night and recuperate on Sunday at their elegant pavilion facing the waters of Fox Lake. Some of them are meandering up the river amongst the pond lilies, or perambulating the lake in search of the teaming fish, whilst others, of a more serious cast, are singing hosannas on the airy piazzas commanding the lovely scene of land and water, and the whole party generously freighted with fish and robust health, vigorously resume office work on Monday without any sensible loss of time.

Considerable fish have been left in these lakes, spared by accidental circumstances from the merciless spear, and from the animated appearance of the sloughs, large numbers of the gentler sex may be "in an interesting condition," a fact which promises lively accession to the census of our finny population. The last seen of the able-bodied seamen navigating our ocean bottoms at Fox Lake was an old socker of some thirty or fifty pounds sailing due north on an artic discovery in the latitude of Tadpole shanty, whose precocious north pole just grazed the monsters' head. The writer, however, had the satisfaction of capturing a fifteen pound pickerel which was sent as a trophy to Thomas Parker, Esq., President of the Cedar Island Fishing Club, whereas another operator succeeded in landing a muskalonge, which taken in connection with a forty pound fish hooked by Dr. Bell, of Chicago, in the same waters the Summer before last, leaves no room to doubt of the quality of our stock. Hemp cables, log-chain hooks, stout hearts and muscles of steel, are really the things needed out here, to say nothing of a capstan in case of emergencies. But lines can only be thought of on behalf of children and ladies in the vicinity of pier heads, as the only safeguard against the possibilities, not to say possibilities of their being dragged bodily into the water, nor is the practice of fastening trolling tackle to your wrist, at all to be commended unless the party is an expert swimmer. Attention to these apparently trifling details may save a life.

It is no exaggeration to say that ducks have glutted this place by the million in early Spring, and scarce a hunter to look after them, except a few locals. The Messrs. Wilcox, Kimball, Eberhart and Sellers, are amongst the visitors who put in an appearance from Chicago and enjoyed very liberal sport. Notwithstanding this large accession of ducks, it must be borne in mind that they are wild, wary and intelligent; know full well the strategical importance of open water, and under the able generalship of an old drake generally steer their flights beyond danger of wholesale havoc from the port holes of Nippersink Point, a tactic which considerably sobers down the sanguine expectations of the average hunter. In view of these patent facts, it is almost tantalizing to read the record of some of your CHICAGO FIELD correspondents from various points, who deliberately sally forth with their hands, as it were, under their coat tails, and jauntily massacre from forty to seventy-five ducks as quick as a man can wink. Whether this is done with a blunderbuss when the sky is flecked with birds, like the stars of heaven concentrated at short range, is not strictly explained. Far from us to doubt free statements in a free country which might appear unconstitutional, but if the CHICAGO FIELD had all its quail bags sworn to before a J. P. it might considerably lessen the slaughter of our game. Exaggeration is often beyond a good Christian's control, and when a man of that kind shoots five ducks and adds *nothing* to it, he often marvels at the astonishing product of fifty credited to him by the typographical devil.

These suggestions, however, are pardonable in a man only four feet high, who loads his gun by the muzzle, carries his powder in a half-pint bottle labeled "castor oil," hunts down crippies to their last gasp, crawls on his stomach in search of game, and has been known to pick up a dead duck on behalf of South Water street. But he doesn't believe in the doctrine of "total depravity," and therefore unbosoms himself of these venial sins to his father confessor, the CHICAGO FIELD.

TADPOLE.

Connecticut Game Law.

An act concerning the preservation of game. Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to hunt or pursue, kill, destroy or attempt to kill any woodcock, quail, or any ruffed grouse (commonly called partridge), between the first day of January and the first day of October in each and every year, and every person so offending shall, for each and every offense, (the killing or destroying or having in possession of each bird shall be deemed a separate offense,) be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, shall be fined not more than twenty-five dollars for each and every bird killed, and costs of suit, and shall stand committed to the county jail until such fine is paid; provided that such imprisonment shall not exceed twenty-five days for each and every offense above named.

Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to destroy or remove from the nests of any birds mentioned in section one (1) of this act any egg or eggs of such birds, or for any person to buy, sell or have in possession such eggs, or wilfully destroy the nests of such birds or either of them, and any person so offending shall, on conviction, be fined not more than twenty-five dollars for each and every nest robbed or destroyed.

Sec. 3. No person or persons shall, at any time, (except on his own land) with a trap, or snare, or net, take or attempt to trap, snare, net or take any woodcock, partridge (so called), or quail, and every person so offending shall, on conviction, be fined not more than twenty-five dollars and costs of suit, and shall stand committed to the county jail until such fine is paid; provided that such imprisonment shall not exceed thirty days.

Sec. 4. No person or persons or transportation companies shall buy, sell or expose for sale, or have in his or their possession for the purpose of selling or exposing for sale, or for transportation, or for any purpose, any of the birds mentioned in section one (1) of this act, during the period in which it shall be unlawful to kill such birds, and any person or persons so offending shall, on conviction, be fined and dealt with as provided in section one (1) of this act.

Sec. 5. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to hunt with gun or dog within the enclosed grounds or lands of another, whether persons or corporations, without first obtaining from the owner, agent or occupant of such enclosed grounds or lands, his, her or their permission so to do; provided each owner shall have placed six printed signs or notices in six different conspicuous places on his, her or their land. Each notice board shall be at least one foot square, and the letters shall be plainly made.

Sec. 6. Any person or persons violating section five (5) of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined in a sum not less than seven dollars and not exceeding twenty-five dollars, exclusive of any damage or trespass.

Sec. 7. There shall be no shooting or hunting, or having in possession in the open air the implements for shooting on the first day of the week, called Sunday, and any persons violating the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty of not more than twenty-five dollars nor less than seven dollars, for each offense.

Approved May 22, 1877.

This is the law of the State, taking the place of all bills and laws for the protection of quail, woodcock and partridge.

The Horse.

Turf Notes from England.

EPSOM SPRING MEETING.

From our Resident Correspondent.]

EPSOM, April 25, 1877.

Where is there a finer field for a study of "life" than Epsom town and downs on an important race day? There is only one Epsom; as a racing centre it differs very materially from all others, having characteristics essentially its own. Long before racing commences the curious old tumble down town presents a scene fraught with much to interest and instruct. In front of the hotels and "publics" are groups of men stamped with nature's own sterling die, an impression which, however, we sometimes meet it partially defaced, no changes of circumstances can wholly remove.

"There's a divinity doth shape our ends
Rough hew them as we will."

Apart from these are knots of less imposing *materiel*, who in cut away, double-seamed coats, bird's-eye fogles and tight fitting trousers, suggesting the idea that the wearers must have been melted and poured into them hot; smart, knowing, horsey looking young men, with fresh complexions, clean shaved; seedy looking old men, incurious of costume, strict disciples, albeit, of Autolicus, who were never known to let a chance slip them since they first began to lisp. There you have them, even from the Chrysalis, the *aurelia*, to the full grown, over blown *chevalier d'Industrie*, in all the symmetry of progression. "*Nemo repente fuit turprissimus*," which being interpreted, meaneth, *A man cannot all at once become a pofect leg!*

As time wears on a new element pushes on the scene; London pours forth its multitude of sportsmen and sight seers. My lord's well horsed drag; Aspasias' gaudy brougham; the costermonger's White Chapel phæton, with all the intermediate links of the social chain. The heavy laden trains, the 'busses overcrowded and underhorsed, keep on as if they had no end, and yet the cry is "still they come." Forging our way on to the level downs, with its invigorating breath, we find the elements of society mixed up in most admired disorder; the high and palmy "strawberry leaf"* crushed beneath the boot-heel of the vulgar betting man; the "bloody hand" of the baronet rudely thrust aside by the mutton fist of some sporting butcher or low bred churl, bearing for its crest the "Caledonian violin rampant!"

"Thus Liberty plucks Justice by the nose;
The baby beats the nurse, and quite athwart
Goes all decorum!"

Truly the race course is a leveler indeed! In this state did we find affairs in the ring as we sought the odds upon the opening race. The Trial Stakes, for which ten entered and all ran, Hellenist got first, Lord Byron second, and Grey Friar third; following this came the Maiden Plate of half a mile, for which, likewise, the whole of the entries—fifteen in number—sported silk; but all interest was in reserve for *the* race, the great City and Suburban, which came next, and brought to the post no fewer than twenty-eight runners. The business on this important race took a very wide range, and all doubts as to Touchet starting were set at rest by Lord Roseberry's colt again advancing to the position of favorite, five to one being taken to win a very considerable sum of money. Julius Cæsar went rather badly the day before, and it was reported he had been scratched, but this, of course, without foundation, as the fates had booked him for the winner. Thirty-three to one, "all in, run or not," was freely laid against him till late on the eve of the race. Chaplet kept her position well and there was a run on the ghost; after these, all came in for greater or less support.

When the weights first appeared, the handicap, which is understood to be chiefly the work of Mr. H. M. Dorling—his maiden effort, it was not considered condusive to a grand acceptance, but quite the opposite was the case, as out of 127 original entries, no less than eighty-eight cried content. From the time speculation commenced on this race, Buck's stable has always been looked on with favor from having in its hand two such splendid cards as Julius Cæsar and Forerunner so highly treated, but space hurries us to the race itself, so we will turn into the paddock to view the several candidates as they undergo their finishing touches. The beautiful Chaplet at once catches the eye of the lover of symmetry, for it is doubtful whether she has her equal, and she possesses all the fine quality that used to characterize her brother, Rosicrucian. Cheetah and Boudsman find many admirers from the high finish of their training; Balbriggan appears a trifle coarse, too beefy and short of work, and the same remarks apply with equal force to Warrior. In the absence of Touchet, which, together with Lord Roseberry's other two, are saddled in the Durdane enclosure—Julius Cæsar is the admired of all admirers, and with the exception of his peculiar style of walking no one can pick a fault in him, he is filled out into just the thick, powerful, muscular horse he always promised to be from colthood and his condition, "Russley's best polish." When all are ready, and that is not till just the time set down for the race—the field—twenty-eight in number lead off to show their preliminary canter. Chaplet, Tassel and St. Leger start first, quickly followed by the favorite, whose excellent condition is universally remarked; Snail, Hesper and J. C., the remainder closely whipping in, at last they get to the starting post where, owing to the fates and the factious temper of Mr. Harding's Chesterfield, about half an hour is wasted before the starter can let them out of his hands. When the flag drops it is to a capital start, the Cheetah being the only sufferer, Julius Cæsar conspicuous by his hood and blinkers has slightly the best of it, and being on the inside and with Archer on his back is able to improve his position, but Archer gives him a gentle steadier and permits Tassel to take the lead, who, in company with Cartridge, Bonchurch, Volturno and The Snail are followed by Chaplet, Bondsman, Warren Hastings, Touchet, Don Carlos, The Ghost and the Voltella colt Balbriggan and Cheetah being the tail enders. Passing the mile post, the leaders close up, with the exception of Warren Hastings and Volturno, who fall in among the whipper-in division; round Tattenham Corner shoots Tassel in front, closely followed by Julius Cæsar, The Ghost, Bondsman, Chaplet and Bonchurch, all of a heap; at the road Touchet challenges and passes Tassel, Julius, Hesper and The Snail, all being fresh and full of running; the last mentioned now moves up and comes second to Touchet, with Hesper and Julius third and fourth. Chaplet, Bondsman and Bonchurch have shot their bolt, a performance in which Don Carlos and St. Leger soon after follow suit; and now it looks like a match between Touchet and The Snail, who has reached his level, but at the bell the pair are joined by Mr. Gee's horse, who forges his nose in front and canters in, the easiest of winners, by six lengths; three-quarters of a length between Touchet and Balbriggan, who first beat the Snail for third place by the sweat on his eye lashes. Time, by official chronograph, 2 min. 18 sec.; value of the stakes, £1,360.

The following is the return of the horses that started, with their owner's and jockey's names, etc.;

THE CITY AND SUBURBAN HANDICAP of 15 sovs. each, 10 ft, and 5 only if declared, with 200 added; the second received 50 sovs. out of the stakes; winners extra. About one mile and a quarter. 127 subs, 40 of whom declared.

Mr. T. Gee's br c Julius Cæsar, by St. Albans—Julie, 4 yrs, (car. 7st 10 lb) .... F. Archer 1
Lord Rosebery's br c Touchet, 3 yrs, 6st .... Hopkins 2
Mr. G. Lambert's ch g Balbriggan, 5 yrs, 6st 7lb .... Morgan 3
Lord Hartington's Chaplet, 5 yrs, 7st 13lb .... H. Jeffery 0
Lord Rosebery's Snail, a. 7st 11lb (car. 7st 18lb) .... Constable 0
Lord Lonsdale's Hesper, 4 yrs, 7st 10lb (car. 7st 13lb) .... T. Chaloner 0
Mr. H. Bird's The Ghost, 5 yrs, 7st 7lb (car 7st 8lb) .... Glover 0
Mr. R. I. Anson's, jun., Dr. Gully, 3 yrs, 5st 12lb .... Beach 0
Sir W. Milner's The Cheetah, 3 yrs, 5st 10lb .... Heather 0
Duke of Montrose's James Pigg, 3 yrs, 5st 9lb (car 5st 12lb) .... Mills 0
Mr. G. Payne's Cartridge, 3 yrs, 5st 7lb .... Gaiton 0
Mr. F. Hardinge's Chesterfield, 3 yrs, 5st 7lb .... Lane 0
Lord Rosebery's Rosbach, 3 yrs, 6st 7lb .... Harding 0
Mr. Gomm's Warrior, 3 yrs, 6st 6lb .... Watts 0
Lord Zetland's Margarita, 4 yrs, 6st 5lb (car 6st 6lb) .... Tomlinson 0
Mr. A. Baltazzi's c by Buccaneer—Voltella, 3 yrs, 6st 3lb .... Lemaire 0
Major Stapylton's Sign Manual, 3 yrs, 5st 13lb .... W. M'Donald 0
Mr. C. Bush's Bonchurch, 3 yrs, 5st 13lb (car 6st) .... Weedon 0
Mr. C. J. Langland's Don Carlos, 3 yrs, 5st 12lb .... Howey 0
Mr. J. Sone's Corsair, 3 yrs, 5 st 12lb (inc 5lb ex) .... Morrell 0
Mr. A. Baltazzi's John Day, 4 yrs, 7st 6lb .... Morbey 0
Mr. W. S. Mitchell-Innes's Saint Leger, 5 yrs, 7st 5lb .... Dodge 0
Prince Soltykoff's Tassel, 4 yrs, 7st 4lb (inc 5lb extra) .... Roseiter 0
Mr. E. Potter's Newport, 4 yrs, 7st 2lb .... F. Jeffery 0
Sir G. Chetwynd's Chypre, 5 yrs, 7st 2lb .... Chesterman 0
Mr. W. S. Cartwright's Volturno, 6 yrs, 6st 13lb .... Cutler 0
Mr. T. Brown's Bondsman, 6 yrs, 6st 12lb .... H. Covey 0
Mr. C. Rayner's, jun., Warren Hastings, 3 yrs, 6st 10lb .... Luke 0

Julius Cæsar is a bay colt with black points, about sixteen hands high; he was bred at the Royal Paddock at Hampton Court in 1873, commenced his career for Capt. Machell, and is now owned by Mr. Thomas Gee, of Dewhurst, the owner of that famous Live Citadel. For Machell who gave for him at the sale 1,600 guineas, he won the Westminster Stakes in 1875 at Epsom, but on the following day ran no where to Charon, Lottie, and Hesper, for the Hyde Park plate. Between this period and the Summer meeting Lord Aylesbury purchased him, together with the whole of the horses Capt. Machell had in training. His lordship ran him without success in the Epsom two year old plate, the Hurstbourn Stakes at Stockbridge, and for the Prendergrast at Newmarket, the latter, if I remember rightly, in the name of Robert Peck, who gave it is reported, no less than 3,300 guineas for him. As a three year old he started seven times, but never won second for the Two Thousand Guineas and third for the Derby; Prince of Wales Stakes and St. Leger was form quite good enough to encourage the hope that some day he would bring off a great *coup*. His present owner gave £5,000 for him.

Great sensation has been caused by the diabolical forgery by some ruffian for the purposes of unfair gain, of a telegram purporting to be from Mr. Gee to Weatherby's on the morning before the race, ordering the horse to be immediately scratched and official notice given of the same at Tattersalls. Luckily Mr. Gee was there to contradict it, but not before serious consequences had resulted; for instance, one bookmaker laid £1,000 to £30, and another "biter bit" laid £100 to a $1, *three times*, before the forgery was discovered.

The success of Julius Cæsar is highly popular, he having for some time been the real favorite of the public, and the ring are so severely hit that a little more would have "coopered" them altogether. That he is not a sweet tempered horse may be inferred from his hood and blinker costume, but he is no rogue, and races as gamely at home as he does in public, and under these circumstances the Russley stable should be in no doubt about their Derby horses.

The second day's *menu* taken collectively was quite as attractive as the first, and almost as densely attended. There were really four good races in the Surrey Handicap, the Hyde Park Plate, the Great Metropolitan, and the Prince of Wales Stakes. The sport commenced at half past one with the great Surrey Handicap, for which a dozen candidates turned out, favoritism being about equally divided between Sutherland and the French mare La Santeuse, but Charon, Grandee and Corruleus all came in for substantial support. Charon displayed temper at the post, and after causing several false starts, was left behind. Sutherland, who was next the rails, made the running, with Rosinante second, the others all getting off badly. Holding his own from end to end, Sutherland cantered in by three lengths; Lord Hartington's Belpholbe was second, with Fred Archer up, and Mr. Baltazzi's Belphoebe third. The conditions of this race were fifteen sovs. each, five forfeit, 200 added, winners extra, second to receive £50 out of the stakes, about five furlongs, forty-two subscribers. The next item is the Beaufort Stakes, a half mile race for two years, with an allowance of three lbs. for fillies, and the winner to be sold for £100. There were ten subscribers, nine of which donned silk. Lord Lonsdale's Creature, a very correctly built filly by Gabler out of Cravache, ridden by the crack Archer, was speedily installed first favorite on account of the splendid form she displayed last week at Newmarket in beating Julia Poachum, and well did she repay the confidence placed in her, romping home three lengths in front of Lagos. The creature was purchased by Lord Lonsdale at Newmarket for 275 guineas, and her presence under the pulpit on the present occasion created no little excitement and competition, her noble owner having to part with no less than five centuries to regain possession, leaving the respectable balance of £400 to be divided between the second horse and the fund. The Pall Mall Stakes, a "high weight" handicap of ten sovs. with £100 added, over five furlongs, brought to the post a dozen runners out of sixteen subscribers. Julia Peachem and Baumber, a four year old, were equal favorites at three to one, but the latter had rather the pull at the finish. After considerable time had been cut to waste at the starting post, Mr. Jenkins' Killiocranky jumped off with a good lead, which he retained till mid way through the straight, where Mr. Griffith's St. Moritze (by Lord Lyon out of Edith) got in front, and won after a game set-to with Julia Peachum, by a short neck. Morgan rode the winner, and Archer Julia Peachum.

The great Metropolitan Stakes, the race of the day, only brought out half a dozen starters out of an original entry of sixty-three, twenty-seven only of whom declared forfeit. With the exception of Royal George's year, this was the smallest field ever known. The field, besides being small, was of very ordinary calibre, and old Lilian, looking tolerably fit, had the honor of actually being installed first favorite at so short a price as two to one; but doubtless no inconsiderable part of the secret rested on the fact that Fred Archer was retained to ride her. With the exception of John Day and Norwich, no others were supported. Lilian made the running for a hundred and twenty yards or so, and was then brought back to her horses, Lord Berners leading. After going about a mile, John Day worked himself into the van, and, taking the foot of Lord Berners and Lilian, retained a slight advantage till rounding the "bend," when Morbey, his jockey, took a steadier at him, allowing the favorite, Lord Berners and Gloucester, to draw up level, and the four came round Tattenham Corner as fair abreast as if they had been driven by Pharoah. Excitement, of course, knew no bounds, the backers of each screaming with wild delight. Coming down the hill, John Day draws again to the front, closely pursued by Lilian; but, as the distance post is neared, the latter is in sore distress, leaving the result to John Day and Norwich, the former of which, answering nobly the "final call" of his rider, spurted out and won by two lengths. Time, 4:12; distance two and a quarter miles. The Hyde Park Plate was won by La Mervielle, by Blair Athol, from sixteen others; and the Prince of Wales Stake proved only a bit of play for Balbriggan, on whom they bet two to one, in a field of six.

CARACTACUS.

*A Duke; so called from a ducal coronet being heraldically ornamented with *strawberry leaves*.

American Jockey Club.

The weights for the Spring Handicaps have been announced. As far as heard from they are giving general satisfaction, and large fields of starters may be looked for.

FORDHAM HANDICAP—MILE AND A QUARTER.

	Lbs.		Lbs.
1. Explosion, b f, 4 years	100	32. Odd Socks, ch c, 4 years	100
2. Madge, ch m, 6 years	117	33. Egypt, ch h, 6 years	115
3. Waco, ch g, 4 years	108	34. Viceroy, b c, 4 years	100
4. Huckleberry, br h, 6 years	112	35. Papermaker, b h, 5 years	112
5. Mettle, b c, 4 years	113	36. Virginius, b c, 4 years	112
6. D'Artagnan, g h, 6 years	122	37. Chamois, b f, 4 years	100
7. Rhadamanthus, blk h, 5 yrs	122	38. Invoice, b m, 5 years	108
8. Vigil, b c, 4 years	122	39. Inspiration, br m, 6 years	116
9. Redcoat, ch g, 4 years	112	40. Danville, ch c, 4 years	104
10. Bill Bass, g c, 3 years	93	41. Romney, ch c, 4 years	113
11. Warwick, b h, 5 years	112	42. Lovechase, ch f, 4 years	95
12. Freebooter, br c, 4 years	115	43. Piccolo, b h, 6 years	118
13. Fraud, b c, 4 years	112	44. Galway, ch h, aged	115
14. Partnership, br h, 6 years	114	45. Pera, b f, 4 years	102
15. Yorkshire Lass, b f, 4 years	103	46. Alice Murphy, g f, 3 year	90
16. Warlock, ch h, 4 years	117	47. Annie C., ch f, 3 years	85
17. Ambush, br c, 4 years	110	48. Glenor, br f, 3 years	95
18. Idalia, b f, 3 years	95	49. Heretog*, b c, 4 years	112
19. Durango, ch g, 4 years	106	50. Bill Bruce, br h, 5 years	117
20. Australind, ch m, 5 years	106	51. Vicksburg, ch h, 5 years	114
21. Sister of Mercy, ch f, 4 yrs	104	52. Patriot, b g, 4 years	108
22. Bambino, b g, 4 years	100	53. Ore Knob, ch h, 5 years	116
23. Princess of Thule, br f, 3 y.	87	54. Mary, ch f, 4 years	102
24. Clematis, ch c, 4 years	103	55. Outcast, b c, 4 years	110
25. Dauntless, b m, 4 years	100	56. Calvin, br h, 5 years	124
26. Fiddlestick, br c, 4 years	120	57. Chiquita, ch m, 6 years	109
27. Fugitive, br g, 4 years	106	58. Joe Rhodes, b g, 4 years	100
28. Parole, br g, 4 years	124	59. Redman, b h, 5 years	120
29. Shirley, b g, 4 years	106	60. Faithless, b f, 4 years	105
30. Preston, ch g, 4 years	114	61. Ceylon*, b c, 4 years old	108
31. Reform, br h, 6 years	120		

* Declared out.

JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP—TWO MILES.

	Lbs.		Lbs.
1. Walter, b h, 5 years	110	12. Big Sandy, ch h, 5 years	114
2. St. Martin, ch h, 5 years	122	13. Bambino, b g, 4 years	108
3. D'Artagnan, g h, 5 years	120	14. Clematis, ch c, 4 years	100
4. Vigil, b c, 4 years	120	15. Barricade, ch c, 4 years	114
5. Brother to Bassett, b c, 4 yrs	118	16. Parole, br g, 4 years	116
6. Red Coat, ch g, 4 years	110	17. Fugitive, br g, 4 years	104
7. Athlone, ch m, 4 years	102	18. Shirley, b g, 4 years	104
8. Shylock, b h, aged	114	19. Preston, ch g, 4 years	113
9. Tom Ochiltree, b h, 5 years	128	20. Reform, br h, 6 years	118
10. Warlock, ch c, 4 years	114	21. Fellowcraft, ch h, aged	122
11. Ambush, br c, 4 years	107	22. Viceroy, b c, 4 years	99

GRAND NATIONAL HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.

	Lbs.		Lbs.
Trouble, aged	158	Doubtful, 4 years	138
Bullet, aged	155	Fredericktown, 4 years	138
Deadhead, 6 years	155	Kenwood, 4 years	134
Resolute, aged	150	Waller, 5 years	140
Calvert, aged	152	New York, 5 years	144

Sale of the Belle Meade Yearlings.

The annual sale of Gen. Harding's thoroughbred yearlings took place on Monday last, the 30th ult. The day was fine, and the attendance large, the visitors and buyers were from all parts of the country. This sale was in all respects the most successful one that has been held at Belle Meade. Before the sale commenced the two stallions, Bonnie Scotland, who is now twenty-four years old, and John Morgan, seventeen years old, were led into the ring for inspection, and were greatly admired. The bidding was spirited, and especially so when No. 7, Boardman, was led into the ring. The bids rising higher and higher, each bidder seeming determined to outbid his opponent for the ownership of this fine son of Bonnie Scotland and Woodbine. The bids rose from the hundreds into the thousands, until finally the colt was knocked off for $3,200 to Col. Johnson, who was buying for Mr. Lorillard, of New York. Below we give a summary of the sale.

1. Bellfield, b c by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Duet, by Highlander, to Col. Johnson, for Mr. Lorillard, of New York	$ 900
2. Matinee, b f by John Morgan, dam Sue Walton, by Jack Malone, to B. J. Hadley, of Nashville	200
3. Baton Rouge, ch c by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Blondin, by Commodore, to Col. Johnson, for Lorillard of New York	725
4. Bobolink, b f, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Benicia, by Jack Malone, to F. Lloyd, of Mississippi	375
5. Bombardier, ch c, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Melrose, by Childe Harold, to W. A. Brown, of Atlanta, Ga	200
6. Memento, b f, by John Morgan, dam Fannie Cheatham, by Lexington, to Dixon & Weimer, of Mississippi	700
7. Boardman, b c, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Woodbine, by Lexington, to Col Johnson, for Lorillard, of New York	3200
8. Lightnah, b f, by John Morgan, dam Lantana, by Capt. Elgee, to A. Keene Richards, of Kentucky	330
9. Borax, br c, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Nubia, by imp. Albion, to B. J. Hadley, of Nashville	500
10. Tunica, b f, by John Morgan, dam Queen of the West, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, to A. Keene Richards	150
11. Bulwark, b c, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Evadne, by Lexington, to H. F. Carter, of Nashville	400
12. Bonnie Carrie, b f, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Fanny Barrow, by imp. Albion, to Dixon & Wimer, of Mississippi	550
13. Bismuth, b c, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Arnica, by Asteroid, to J. L. Bowen, of Nashville	290
14. Bonnie Leaf, b f, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Ivy Leaf, by imp. Australian, to S. D. Bruce, of New York	515
15. Blue Jeans, gr c, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam La Bluette, by imp. Australian, to Dixon & Wimer, of Mississippi	300
16. Blithesome, ch f, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Tallulah, by Planet, to G. W. White, of Nashville	250
17. Ballantine, ch c, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Euchre, by Brown Dick, to G. H. Saughen, of Kentucky	200
18. Batavia, b f, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Juanita, by Jack Malone, to J. W. Edwards & Co., of Nashville	410
19. Bingen, b c, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Ermengarde, by Lightning, to A. Keene Richards, of Kentucky	110
20. Beatitude, b f, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Mariposa, by Jack Malone, to J. W. Startles, of Franklin, Tenn	530
21. Arcadia, ch f, by John Morgan, dam Sally Crow, by imp. Albion, to J. W. Starnes, of Franklin, Tenn	360
22. Athelston, b c, by John Morgan, dam Tribulation, by Jeff Davis, to A. Keene Richards, of Kentucky	250
Grand Total	$11,455

Average—$520.68.

The Breeding Stud of Mr. W. S. Frazier.

The breeding stud of this gentleman, at Aurora, Ill., has grown from modest proportions until it has attained a national reputation among the breeding community, and in many particulars one of the first in rank of its kind in the country, for seldom are found gathered together such a galaxy of sires as Advance, Countersign, Graphic and Cardinal. As the owner of many fast trotters, his accrued experience on the turf has furnished the desirable formation and action of the swift trotter, and how he could be improved by judicious crossing. To accomplish this end the selection of the stallions now offered to the breeding community was made. Appreciating the general law evolved from the science of breeding is that the gait or action is determined by the outward formation, Mr. Frazier purchased in 1873 the bay stallion Hambletonian Advance, by Volunteer (son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian), dam by Latourette's Bellfounder, backstitched through the second dam with the blood of Cole's Messenger, a son of imported Messenger, from whose loins have sprung some of the most successful trotting families of America. Then again, his direct descent on the sire's side gives him a stronger infusion of the Messenger blood than can be found in any of the stallions in this section whose services are offered to the breeder.

He is a rich blood bay, full 15¾ hands, with black points, and weighs 1190 pounds. His carriage is proud, blood-like head and ears, well inclined shoulders and short back, with the timber under him to train on. Though never trained, he can show a 2:40 gait, and in motion he would instantly persuade you that he would prove the sire of trotters.

The Clay family is also represented in this stud by Countersign, by American Clay, he by Strader's Cassius M. Clay, Jr., dam by Alexander's Abdallah. He is a bay in color, 15¾ hands, and will weigh over 1165 pounds. This stallion was secured by Mr. Frazier in 1875, and the time is not far distant when he will take his position among the best trotting stallions in this country. The action of this horse is faultless and he reproduces himself in his get. He can trot in 2:30. Another judicious selection for this stud was the purchase of the Mambrino Stallion, Graphic; black, 16 hands, and weighs 1100 pounds. He was sired by Herr's Mambrino Patchen (full brother of Lady Thorne, 2:18¼), out of Black Girl, by C. M. Clay, Jr. The sons and daughters of this cross are of the steady and enduring kind and their performces on the turf have raised them to the highest position among the trotting horses. Graphic could trot in 2:40 in his four year old form, and it is a well acknowledged fact that the merits of the Mambrino family are reduplicated in their produce. How well this fact has been substantiated is proven by the list of recorded performances of the Mambrinos.' Nor has the proprietor of this stud omitted the thoroughbred. A fine specimen of the high mettled racer can be found in Cardinal. He is a dark bay, with black points, 16 hands and weighs 1,200 pounds, sired by Donerail, dam Amanda Morehead by imported Glencoe. With but limited opportunities, Cardinal proved himself a good race horse. In his three-year-old form, over the Woodlawn course, Louisville, Ky., he beat Swigert's Woodburn, by Lexington; Keen Richard's Sue Dougherty, by imported Mickey Free; Morgan Scout, by John Morgan, and Louisville, by Lexington. Time—1:46½, 1:46½, 1:50. His strong points and natural trotting action have been appreciated by the breeders of that vicinity. He has been patronized largely, and brilliant examples of this experiment are now developing. The success of the Aurora stud is an accomplished fact, and the value of its stock horses in the immediate future to Illinois, cannot be overestimated.

THE BELMONT STAKES.—Bookmaking is now in vogue in New York Suburbs. William Lovell & Co., of Jersey City, have opened a betting book upon the Belmont Stakes, to be run on the fourth day of the spring meeting of the American Jockey Club. The following are the odds offered:

BELMONT STAKES—ONE MILE AND A HALF.

Leonard	5 to 1	Top	12 to 1
Rifle	7 to 1	Dan K	12 to 1
Susquehanna	7 to 1	Imagination	12 to 1
Cloverbrook	8 to 1	Magnetta colt	12 to 1
Bombast	8 to 1	Invercauld colt	12 to 1
Baden-Baden	8 to 1	Mollie H	15 to 1
Fred'k the Great	9 to 1	Broadway	15 to 1
Kingsland	10 to 1	Liz Berry colt	15 to 1
Cardinal Wolsey	10 to 1	Dick Sassecer	15 to 1
Stranger	10 to 1	Carrie Atherton colt	15 to 1
Anna Bush colt	10 to 1	Avail	15 to 1
Bonita colt	10 to 1	General Jones	20 to 1
Glengara	10 to 1	Skylight colt	20 to 1
Bathgate	10 to 1	Morphine	20 to 1
W. J. Higgins	10 to 1	Stringtown	20 to 1
Earl King	12 to 1	Bramer	20 to 1

TROTTING AT HAMTRAMCK COURSE DETROIT.—On May 10th a trot took place between Brown Frank, Surprise, Butcher Boy, Utica, Tanny, Starlight, Lady Bashaw. In the first heat the horses were started and had passed the half-mile pole when Tanny, who was at Brown Frank's wheel, caught her foot in one of her quarter boots and went down. Next came Utica who fell over her, throwing Crofoot out and Surprise went over the group dumping Doc. Lewis to the dust. The horses regained their feet and without drivers came pell-mell after Brown Frank and Starlight. To avoid being run down George Vorhees and Bill McLaughlin gave their horse the whip and down the stretch came everybody helter skelter. In consequence of the mishaps the judges declared no heat. Five more heats were trotted, Brown Frank winning.

A RACE MEETING AT QUINCY, ILL.—The movement to organize a fair association in this city, for the purpose of holding a turf meeting next fall, has met with splendid success thus far, and the assurance can now be given beyond any question that they will have four days of racing. Twenty of the leading business men have each agreed to guarantee $500 for premiums alone, making $1,000 to be divided into purses. The parties having charge of the affair are among the best citizens, and will do all in their power to make it a success.

SALE OF A FINE CARRIAGE TEAM.—Chas. E. Stuart, Esq., Kalamazoo, Mich., has sold to Mr. Hurlbut, Cleveland, Ohio, a fine pair of bay carriage horses, 5 years old, half brothers. They are sixteen hands high, and were sired by Saint, he by old St. Lawrence. They can trot in three minutes together; one of them in 2:45. The consideration was $1,200.

Weighting Trotters.

KALAMAZOO, MICH., May 14, 1877.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—I again notice in the *Spirit* of the 12th inst. that my old friend and fellow townsman, S. T. B. (or Seth, as we all call him), who is a thorough horseman, has once more put himself in print on toe weights, boots, shoes and shoeing, etc., their use and abuse, etc., must be of value to every horseman and to even those that are in any way interested in the square gaited, well broke trotter. Neither Seth nor any other trainer can impart to all that he could write in ten times the space that Seth's article requires in the *Spirit* of the 12th inst., one tenth part of what it has taken him a life time to learn, and still he as well as the rest of us, continues to learn new facts every day in regard to the very many ways and devices of squaring and improving the gait of the trotter, which is just as it should be, for could we learn a would-be trainer the whole science and art of training trotters to perfection in a few days by reading or by giving them lessons in training, then we might say fools that we were to rub and fuss about those third and fourth rate trotters for the last fifteen or twenty years and learn no more than this, or that would-be trainer can learn in a week out of books and by being set in behind the Maid, Fullerton, Smuggler, Mollie Morris or a hundred others that I could mention. But this not being the case, I for one (and I know Seth is for another) am not sorry for the time we have spent rubbing, shoeing, weighing, booting, feeding, driving and generally educating the trotter. It is as Seth says, you will sometimes see what many call crack trainers and drivers hardly know how to harness and hitch a horse, but stand around with a twenty cent cigar in their mouth, kid gloves on and a $5 whip in their hand ordering their ruber to harness and hitch the horse that he (the ruber) has conditioned, and that some other man has taught all that he knows outside of nature's teaching about trotting.

The would-be trainer and driver jumps into the sulky so lightly and quickly that many say he is an old hand at the business, and away he goes as fast as some of our trotters can run. So, consequently it is but a jog for him to win, and then it is a settled fact in the minds of many that he is the trainer to have our would-be trotters, and trotters, too. So, accordingly many of those trainers that have the very best trotters are as green as green can be, or Grant either; but are men that fortune, not misfortune, smiles on. But as it is said "a constant drop will wear a hole in a stone," so Seth, we must keep up our clip, although we do tire a little and become discouraged, for we will be able to land one among the front ranks yet, and then, perhaps, we will have so much tallied to our caedit for the many years we have worked hard and around and about the trotter.

I should hardly have referred to Seth's article at this time, as I have but little time to devote to such work, as "we must make hay while the sun shines," and work our trotters before the trots commence. But as I wish to stimulate Seth to come to the front again, and hope to hear from other practical drivers through the columns of the CHICAGO FIELD, and as I also said in my article referring to Seth's former article, that I would notice his next, the whole together causes me to take a few minutes to write conerning that noblest of the noble animals, "the trotting horse of America." As I am considerably indebted to Seth for the use of his patent toe-weight I take this opportunity of thanking him very much for the privilege he has granted me of using the best toe weight by far that ever was invented in very many respects, which we will not take time and space here to show, as we hope to see them offered for sale in your advertising columns, where will be said everything concerning them. I am using them on a horse that cross fires, or cracks his near hind foot or ankle against his off front shoe, and his off hind one against his near front one. Just such a motioned one I had never had anything to do with before. He has been handled considerably, and has trotted several races, and has got a record of 2:49, but ought to trot much faster, and certainly can if I can only get him to open out behind, and step clear, which will be very difficult, as he is quite confirmed in this habit, and is afraid to try to trot. He will go a few strides seemingly about all right, and then dodge off to one side with his hind parts, and go that way a few strides with his near hind foot in between his front ones, and his off one outside of where it should be, and then he will dodge back, and over to the other side with his hind parts, his near hind foot passing clear to the outside, and all right but his off hind foot cracking away between his front ones. I have just got him shod with the side weights on behind, and in fact I have arranged so that I can weight him in always in front and behind, too, so that I can test them in every way imaginable, and hope to be able to have the desired effect with them. That together with other experiments that I have made in the last ten years I will be able to convince all horsemen that hardly any two horses can have toe weights used upon them exactly the same with the same effect on each, behind and in front, too. This I will give to your readers in a future communication when I have more time.

Yours, &c., UP AND UP.

Buffalo (N. Y.) Turf Items.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—The contemplated Spring meeting by the Buffalo Driving Park has been abandoned, owing a great part to the passage by the New York Legislature, of the bill prohibiting pool-selling in any place or manner. Had the lines not been drawn so closely, and allowed the association the privilege of pool-selling with their own enclosures, it would have had no material effect, at least as far as concerns the pecuniary success of these institutions, but, as it is, this year's meetings will be more as an experiment, and will decide the question whether they can live without the support of the large number of those whose greatest attraction, next to the horse, is the pool-box.

The first trot of the season at the Buffalo Driving Park, took place on Saturday, May 12th, and showed good speed for the condition the track was in. The purse offered was $200. Billy Pavor won in three straight heats; Pibb, Grey Dick, and Bay Dick taking places in the order named. Time, 2:35, 2:35¾, 2:35½.

The entries for the colt races, to be trotted at the Summer meeting closed May, with fourteen nominations. The following is the list:

First Purse.—$1,000 for foals of 1874; mile heats in harness. First, $500; second, $250; third, $150; fourth, $100.

Stratton & Mellon, Evansburg, Pa., g f Noontide, by Alexander's Belmont, dam by Pilot, Jr.

Henry C. Jewett, Buffalo, N. Y., br f Louise, by Regular, dam by Stanhope's Edwin Forrest.

W. Van Valkenburg, Ogdensburgh, N. Y., ch c Mars, by Gen. Sherman, by Young Columbus, dam Fannie, by Superb, by Ethan Allen.

C. F. Emery, Newburgh, Ohio, b f Parana, by Mambrino, Hambletonian, dam Mambrino Pilot.

H. W. Brown, Prescott, Ont., b f Barbara Patchen, by Peck's Idol, dam Lady Patchen, by Geo. M. Patchen.

Macy Brothers, Lexington, Ky., s m Fanny Witherspoon, by Almont, dam by Wagner.

Second Purse.—$1,500 for foals of 1873; best three in five, in harness. First, $750; second, $375; third, $225; fourth, $150.

Erwin & Hotchkiss, Mosiertown, Pa., b m Annie Golddust, by Duster Golddust, dam unknown.

Stratton & Mellon, Evansburg, Pa., ch s Hull, by Alexander's Belmont, dam by Roscoe, by Pilot, Jr.

Henry C. Jewett, Buffalo, N. Y., ch c Rochester, by Aberdeen, first dam by C. J. Wells (Burton's Royal George), second dam the dam of Byron.

M. P. Bush, Buffalo, N. Y., blk c Allie East, by Allie West, dam pacing mare, pedigree unknown.

Frank Van Ness, Rochester, N. Y., b s St. Cloud, by Conklin's Star, dam Hambletonian.

C. L. Railey, Midway, Ky., br m Aldine, by Almont, dam by Toronto.

F. B. Redfield, Batavia, N. Y., blk f Daciana, by Harold, dam Dacia, by Woodford Mambrino.

S. D. Turney, Circleville, O., b f Lassie, by Strader's Cassius M. Clay, Jr., dam Lady Henry, by Alexander's Pilot, Jr.

H. L. S.

THE WITHERS STAKES.—Messrs. William Lovell & Co., of Jersey City, have opened a betting book on the Withers Stakes, one mile, to be run on the first day of the Spring meeting of the American Jockey Club. The odds offered are as below:

THE WITHERS STAKES.

Leonard	4 to 1	W. J. Higgins	10 to 1
Rifle	6 to 1	General Jones	12 to 1
Cloverbrook	7 to 1	Lizzie Berry colt	12 to 1
Princeton	7 to 1	Madge Duke	15 to 1
Bombast	7 to 1	Carry Atherton c	15 to 1
Frederick the Great	8 to 1	Broadway	15 to 1
Kingsland	9 to 1	Mattie C. colt	15 to 1
Bagdad	10 to 1	Chance colt	15 to 1
Cardinal Wolsey	10 to 1	Morphine	18 to 1
Top	10 to 1	Stringtown	18 to 1
Lisbon	10 to 1	Pete Reed	20 to 1
Eri King	10 to 1	Belle of Crawford	25 to 1

THE BREEDERS' TROTTING MEETING.—The entries for the inaugural meeting of the National Association of the Trotting Horse Breeders, which closed on the 1st., are in the aggregate, as follows:

Three-year-old class, foals of 1874, twenty acres.
Four-year-old class, foals of 1873, fifteen entries.
Five-year-old class, foals of 1872.
Six-year-old class, foals of 1871, five entries.
Stallions that have never beaten 2:20, three entries.
Stallions that have never beaten 2:26, seven entries.
Stallions that have never beaten 2:40, five entries.
Green Horse Stake, four entries, one of which gave notice of withdrawal on the day of entry.
Upward of sixty different horses have entred for the several events, of which detailed statements of names, marks and pedigrees will be given in a few days.

THE FORDHAM HANDICAP.—Lovell & Co. have opened books on the Fordham Handicap Sweepstakes, to be run on the first day of the Spring meeting at Jerome Park. The following are the odds offered on each horse in the race:

Odds Against.	*Odds Against.*
6 to 1. Madge, ch m, 6 years	10 to 1. Australind, ch m, 5 years
6 to 1. Parole, br g, 4 years	10 to 1. Sister of Mercy, ch f, 4 yrs
7 to 1. Rhadamanthus, blk h, 5 yrs	10 to 1. Clematis, ch c, 4 years
7 to 1. Vigil, b c, 4 years	10 to 1. Dauntless, b m, 4 years
7 to 1. Invoice, b m, 5 years	10 to 1. Fugitive, br g, 4 years
7 to 1. Inspiration, br m, 6 years	10 to 1. Preston, ch g, 4 years
7 to 1. Chiquita, ch m, 6 years	10 to 1. Reform, br h, 6 years
8 to 1. Princess of Thule, br t, 3 y	10 to 1. Egypt, ch h, 6 years
8 to 1. Idalia, b f, 3 years	10 to 1. Viceroy, b c, 4 years
8 to 1. Yorkshire Lass, b f, 4 years	10 to 1. Virginius, blk c, 4 years
8 to 1. Mettle, b c, 4 years	10 to 1. Galway, ch h, aged
8 to 1. D'Artagnan, gr h, 6 years	10 to 1. Bill Bruce, br h, 5 years
8 to 1. Redcoat, ch g, 4 years	10 to 1. Vicksburg, ch h, 5 years
8 to 1. Warwick, b h, 5 years	10 to 1. Patriot, b g, 4 years
8 to 1. Freebooter, br c, 4 years	10 to 1. Ore Knob, ch h, 5 years
8 to 1. Annie C, ch f, 3 years	10 to 1. Mary, ch f, 4 years
8 to 1. Glenor, br f, 3 years	10 to 1. Outcast, b c, 4 years
8 to 1. Piccolo, b h, 6 years	10 to 1. Calvin, br h, 5 years
8 to 1. Chamois, b f, 4 years	10 to 1. Faithless, b f, 4 years
8 to 1. Shirley, b g, 4 years	12 to 1. Bambino, b g, 4 years
8 to 1. Fiddlestick, br c, 4 years	12 to 1. Durango, ch g, 4 years
9 to 1. Joe Rhodes, b g, 4 years	12 to 1. Waco, ch g, 4 years
9 to 1. Pera, b f, 4 years	12 to 1. Papermaker, b h, 5 years
9 to 1. Alice Murphy, g f, 3 years	15 to 1. Odd Socks, ch c, 4 years
10 to 1. Explosion, b f, 4 years	15 to 1. Danville, ch c, 4 years
10 to 1. Huckleberry, br b, 6 years	15 to 1. Romney, ch c, 4 years
10 to 1. Fraud, b c, 4 years	15 to 1. Lovechase, ch f, 4 years
10 to 1. Partnership, br h, 6 years	15 to 1. Bill Bass, g c, 3 years
10 to 1. Warlock, ch h, 4 years	15 to 1. Redman, b h, 5 years
10 to 1. Ambush, br c, 4 years	

Racing and Trotting.

Kentucky Association—Spring Meeting.

FIRST DAY—MAY 12.

The Spring meeting of the Kentucky Association was opened most auspiciously. The weather was all that could be desired, and the attendance large. The track, though a little heavy, was still in fair condition, and the races were hotly contested. Never before in the history of the association were so many strangers present at a meeting and its managers feel elated thereat. A band of music enlivened the pauses between the races with fine selections, and the smiles and gay dresses of the beauty of Lexington and vicinity added a still greater zest to the scene. The sport began with the Phœnix Hotel stakes, one mile and an eighth, for three-year olds, and of twenty-one nominations ten came to the post.

Before the race McWhirter sold in the pools for $100, King Faro for $75, Classmate for $30, Opponent $32 and the field for $50.

Some difficulty was experienced in getting the nags away, owing to the capers cut by Bradamante and King Faro, and nine false starts were made before the drum was tapped and the flag fell. Bradamante at once jamped to the front, closely pursued by Harry Peyton and Opponent; Classmate and McWhirter, with King Faro and the rest in a "ruck" behind. In this manner they swung around the first turn and went down the back stretch. As they reached the half-mile pole, Classmate passed Opponent and challenged Payton for the second place. The lower turn is in a stiff hill, and here the race proved too much for Payton and Classmate took the second place. Just as the three-quarter pole was reached, McWhirter made a rush and ran by Payton and Opponent with ease. Coming down the home-stretch Classmate made a desperate effort to go to the front, but Bradamante was too good. The effort was unsuccessful. Bradamante won by three clear lengths, Classmate second and McWhirter a fine third. Time, 1:58¾.

King Faro was the seventh in the race and the knowing ones fell heavily in the pools. When it is considered that the track was somewhat heavy, and that Bradamante carried one hundred pounds, it will be seen that her time is but little inferior to the 1:54 of Bob Woolley, made on this track September 6, 1876, he at the time carrying but ninety pounds.

The second race was for a sweepstake of $300, given by F. B. Harper for the get of Longfellow now three years old. No entrance fee. Mile beats.

First Heat.—The betting in the pools was $105 on Leonard to $42 on the others as a field. After several attempts a fine start was got. Edinburgh went to the front at once, determined to make the pace. Poetess was close at his shoulders, and Leonard and St. Louis brought up the rear. They ran this way until well down the back-stretch, when Poetess dropped behind and Leonard took the second place. No further change in position took place until the head of the home-stretch was reached. Then Leonard showed in advance, with St. Louis at his hip and Edinburgh third. Poetess was trailing far behind in the rear. As they reached the distance stand St. Louis tried to steal up upon Leonard, but Swim, who was riding the latter, gave him his head, and he darted forward as if shot out of a catapult, and won with ease by nearly a length. Had he not been held in on the home-stretch, he could have increased this distance fourfold. Poetess was distanced Time—1:48.

Second Heat.—St. Louis had the best of the start, but she was soon overhauled by Edinburgh, and as they went down the back stretch, opposite the grand stand, St. Louis was second, with Leonard close behind. At the half mile Leonard showed in the second place, and going up the lower turn he went to the front with ease. St. Louis could not stand the pace, and dropped away in the rear. Coming home the rider of Edinburgh plied whip and spur in a desperate struggle for the lead. Swim rode Leonard as cool as a cucumber, and won without using a whip or spur by a clean half length. St. Louis distanced. Time—1:47.

The third race was for a purse of $250 for all ages, dash of a mile. The heaviest betting of the day took place on this event. In the pools Emma C. sold at $90, Planetarian for $80, Malmistic and Phœbe Mayflower for $60 each, and the field for $62. Dailgasian got away with the lead and held it gamely to the quarter pole, when Planetarian passed him and from his position endeavored to hold. At the half mile Dailgasian responded to the call of his jockey and again went in front, and here Emma C. made her running, and coming in at a rattling pace, won the dash by two lengths. Dailgasian was second, Actress third, Malmistic fourth, Phœbe Mayflower fifth, Planetarian sixth, Annie Lyle seventh, and J. Bryan's filly, four years, by Jack Malone, dam Iodine, eighth. Time—1:46½.

SUMMARY

LEXINGTON, KY., May 11, 1877.—First day of the Spring Racing Meeting.—First Race.—The Phoenix Hotel Stakes, for three-year-olds, $50 each, p. p., with $300 added; second horse to save his stake. One and one-eighth miles. Value of stakes, $1,350. Closed with twenty-one nominations.

James A. Grinstead's ch f Bradamante, by War Dance, dam Brenna, by Knight of St. George, 97 lbs 1
Williams & Owing's b f Classmate, by Planet, dam Full Cry, by Vandal, 97 lbs 2
A. Buford's ch c McWhirter, by Enquirer, dam Ontario, by Bonnie Scotland, 100 lbs 3
A. Keene Richard's b f Opponent, by Melbourne, Jr., dam Optimist's dam, by Glencoe, 97 lbs 0
J. Henry Miller & Co's gr g Harry Peyton, by Phaeton, dam Ella Jackson, by Lightning, 97 lbs 0
P. Bennett's ch f Glentina, by Glenelg, dam Catina, by Australian, 97 lbs 0
D. & James McIntyre's b c King Faro, by Phaeton, dam by Knight of St. George, 100 lbs 0
F. B. Harper's b f Early Light, by Longfellow, dam Fanny Wells, by Sovereign, 97 lbs 0
A. Buford's blk f Minnie Gray, by Enquirer, dam by La Compte, 97 lbs 0
B. F. Pettit's b g by Rivoli, dam Themis, by Austerlitz, 97 lbs 0

Time, 1:58¾

SAME DAY—SECOND RACE.—The Longfellow Stakes, for the get of Longfellow now 3 years old; Mr. F. B. Harper gives $300; no entrance fee. Mile beats.

H. P. McGrath's br c Leonard, dam Colleen Bawn, by Endorser, 100 lbs 1 1
F. B. Harper's b f St. Louis, dam Cynthia Sue, by Joe Stoner, 97 lbs 2 2
Brice Steel's b c Edinburgh, dam by Lexington, 100 lbs ..... 3 dis
Joseph H. Bryan's b f Poetess, dam by Lexington, 97 lbs ..... dis

Time, 1:48—1:47.

SAME DAY—THIRD RACE.—Purse of $250, for all ages; $200 to the first and $50 to the second horse. One mile.

T. J. McGibben's ch m Emma C., 5 years, by Planet, dam Cordelia, 112 lbs 1
H. P. McGrath's b c Dailgasian, 4 years, by Blarney Stone, dam Lucy Fowler, 108 lbs 1
Lisle G Co's b f Actress, 3 years, by Harrington, dam Laura Bruce, 87 lbs 3
John Todd's ch c Malmistic, 4 years, by Planet, dam Lalleme, 108 lbs 0
J. A. Grinstead's b m Phoebe Mayflower, 5 years, by Phaeton, dam Cicely Jopson, 112 lbs 0
George W. Bowen & Co's ch c Planetarian, 3 years, by Planet, dam by Glencoe, 90 lbs 0
P. Bennet's ch f Anna Lyle, 4 years, by War Dance, dam by Capt Beard, 105 lbs 0
J. Bryan's b f 4 years, by Jack Malone, dam Iodine, 105 lbs 0

Time, 1:46½.

SECOND DAY—MAY 14.

The weather was delightful to-day, the second of the meeting, and the track fair, though a little heavy and slow. The attendance was large, though not as great as on the opening day. The ladies were out in force, and made the grand stand very attractive by their presence.

THE FIRST RACE—Was a handicap sweepstakes for all ages; $100 entrance, one-half forfeit, $20 if declared; $400 added; second horse to save his stake. Weights announced 1st February. Declaration made 1st March. Six and a half miles.

Grinstead's entries were the favorites Saturday night, but this morning Phyllis was withdrawn, and Joe Rodes became first choice at $90; Chesapeake, $85; Necy Hale, $60; Katie, $40; Tilly Brent and Leamingtonian $20 each.

Necy Hale had the best of the start, but the lead was soon taken by Joe Rodes. Katie next put on steam, and at the quarter she showed in front. They went along in this until the half mile, when Chesapeake left the "ruck" in which he had been galloping, and took the third place.

As they swung into the turn Necy Hale passed Chesapeake, and the mile-post was passed in the following order: Katie, Joe Rodes and Che-apeake, who had again taken the third place. At the mile and a quarter Rodes showed in front, with the rest pressing him closely. Coming down the home stretch Chesapeake made a terrific struggle to head off Rodes, but the effort was futile, and just as the distance was passed Leamingtonian made a bold dash and beat Chesapeake for the second place, Rodes winning readily in 2:43. Tilly Brent was fourth, Katie fifth and Necy Hale last.

SECOND RACE.—This was a sweepstake for three-year-olds which have never won a race prior to March 15, 1877; $25 each, p p, $250 added; second horse to receive $50; mile heats.

First Heat.—In the pools Little Sis sold for $175, Opponent for $125, Harry Peyton for $75. Headlight for $75, and the field at $130. Some little trouble was experienced in getting the nags started, and it was not until several false starts were made that the drum was tapped. Gorham, who had the choice of position, took the lead, but relinquished it at the upper turn to Victress. At the back stretch he went ahead again, with Bellaire pressing him closely. At the three-quarters pole Opponent was second and Peyton third. Coming home, Gorham was seen to be running well in hand, and, though Opponent tried hard to overtake him, she had to be content with the second place. Peyton was third, Little Sis fourth, Headlight fifth, Planetarian sixth, Bellaire seventh and Victress distanced.

Second Heat.—Gorham, of course, became the favorite, and sold in the pools at $140, though the backers of Little Sis were very confident, and she brought $110, Opponent $70, and the rest as a field $65. The start for this heat took over an hour to effect, and the patience of the spectators was worn completely out before the nags were sent away. Swim, who rode, seemed determined to lag behind until he could steal a march on the other jockeys, and they in turn seemed determined to keep him in a pocket. At last, after nine attempts, they were sent off in a fair start. Opponent at once jumped to the front and kept it well throughout the heat. On the home stretch the darky who rode Gorham tried to take the lead through the wider track, but was put in a pocket by the rider of Headlight, and he had to content himself with this place for his pains. Planetarian having been withdrawn after the first heat did not contend in this, and Peyton, Bellaire, and Little Sis were distanced. Time—1:47¼.

Third Heat.—Opponent sold in the pools at $350, and Gorham at $95. Both nags were pretty tired when led out on the track, but Opponent was the freshest. At the tap of the drum they started off together, but both were too tired to make fast time. They ran side by side until the three-quarter pole was reached, when Opponent showed in the lead. On the home stretch, Gorham made a brush for the lead, but the steam was out of him, and, after collaring Opponent, he threw up the sponge, and no amount of whipping or spurring could raise him, and Opponent won by over a length. Time—1:55.

THIRD RACE.—The filly stakes for two-year-olds; $50 entrance—one-half forfeit; $250 added; second filly to save her stake; half mile, and for it there were eleven starters.

In the pools, Grinstead's entries sold for $20, Enchantress for $50, Megibbin's entry for $34, Weatherwitch for $30 and the field at $105.

After one false start they got off in a bunch, and in the distance it was hard to say who had the best of it. On the turn, Megibbin's filly showed an advance, and opened up quite a gap between herself and the rest. She led until well down the home stretch, when Queechy went up and collared her. Just then Weatherwitch's driver touched her, and, to the astonishment of all, she jumped to the front at once, and was away from the others as if they were standing still. Queechy was second, Megibben's filly third, Wilson's filly fourth, Nettie Hopkins fifth, Keene Richards' filly sixth, Penniston's filly seventh, Bobadilla eighth, Grapple ninth, Enchantress tenth, and Florence Payne last. Time 52¼.

STMMARY.

LEXINGTON ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING—Second day—May 14, 1877.—Sweepstake, all ages, $100 entrance, $400 added, one and a half miles.

Lyle & Co.'s b g Joe Rhodes, 4 years, by Virgil, dam Item, by Lexington, 90 lbs 1
H. F. Vishman's b c Leamingtonian, 4 years, by Leamington, dam Mollie, by Lexington, 100 lbs 2
H. P. McGrath's b h Chesapeake, 5 years, by Lexington, dam Roxana, by imp. Chesterfield, 115 lbs 3
F. B. Harper's ch f Necy Hale, 4 years, by Lexington, dam Miriam, by imp. Glencoe, 105 lbs 0
George W. Bowen & Co.'s b f Tillie Brent, 4 years, by imp. Phaeton, dam Nettie Tilley, by Bob Johnson, 90 lbs 0
James A. Grinstead's b m Katie, 5 years, by imp. Phaeton, dam by War Dance, 108 lbs 0

Time—2:43.

SAME DAY.—Second race, a sweepstakes for two-year-olds which have never won a race prior to March 15, 1877, $75 each, play or pay, $250 added, second horse to receive $50; mile heats.

A. Keene Richards' b f Opponent, by Melbourne, Jr., dam the dam of Optimist, by imp. Glencoe 2 1 1
S. J. Salier's b g Charles Gorham, by Blarneystone, dam Aurora Raby, by imp. Australian 1 3 2
J. Henry Miller & Co.'s gr g Harry Peyton, by imp. Phaeton, dam Ella Jackson, by Lightning ..... 3 dis
Jackson & Cadwallader's b f Little Sis, by Frogtown, dam by imp. Yorkshire ..... 4 dis
Green Clay's ch c Plantenarian, by Planet, dam by imp. Glencoe ..... 6 dr
L. Field's b c Headlight, by Bayonet, dam Oliva, by Oliver ..... 5 2 ro
Lisle & Scully's b g Bellaire, by imp. Glen Athol, dam Edith, by imp. Sovereign ..... 7 dis
Frank Waters' g f Victress, by Victor, dam by Vandal ..... dis

Time—1:46¼, 1:47½, 1:55.

SAME DAY.—THIRD RACE—The filly stakes for two-year-olds, $50 entrance, one-half forfeit, $250 added; second filly to save her stake; half mile.

Smoot & Co.'s b f Graphic, by Baywood, dam Goneril, by Revenue 1
James Grinstead's b f Queechy, by Waverly, dam Lass of Sydney, by imp. The Knight of St. George 2
J. K. McGibben's ch f, by Asteroid, dam Jenny A., by imp. The Knight of St. George 3
R. Penistan's ch f, by War Dance, dam by Revenue 0
G. D. Wilson's ch f, by Lever, dam by Bill Cheatham 0
Jno. A. Buford's b f Nettie Hopkins, by Enquirer, dam by imp. Albion 0
James A. Grinstead's b f Bobodilla, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Blondin, by Commodore 0
A. Keene Richards' ch f, by War Dance, dam the dam of Grit, by Wagner 0
John R. McKee's ch f Waterwitch, by Asteroid, dam imp. Waterwitch, by Weatherbit 0
H. P. McGrath's ch f Florence Payne, by Blarneystone, dam Florence L., by imp. Australian 0
J. W. Rearden's br f Enchantress, by Enquirer, dam by imp. Sovereign 0

Time—:52¼.

ANNUAL SALE OF HAPPY MEDIUMS.—At the sale of the get of Happy Medium, held at Cedar Park Farm, near Philadelphia, on the 11th inst., fifteen head brought $14,500, or an average of $972.66. The longest paid was $1,800, for a three-year-old colt, dam by Gen. Mott; a filly four years old, dam by Voorhies' Abdallah, brought $1,775.

Trotting at Clifton Park, N. Y.

SUMMARIES.

CLIFTON PARK, Clifton, N. J.—Trotting.—May 7.—Purse $250, for horses that have never beaten 2:50; $125 to first, $75 to second, $50 to third horse; mile heats, best three in five, in harness.

P. Manee's g g William	1	1	2	3 1
J. E. Jarvis' ch g Billy Edwards	5	2	3	1 4
Isaac Pawling's b g Doubtful (formerly Vermont)	7	7	1	5 5
M. Mayer's blk g Nesbit	2	3	4	2 5
H. Hedden's b m Susan Smith	6	4	5	4 2
J. D. Cole's g m Jennie L	4	5	dis	
C. Russell's b g John	3	6	dis	

Time—2:43, 2:44, 2:43, 2:45½, 2:47.

SAME DAY.—Purse $250, for horses that have never beaten 2:38; $125 to the first, $75 to the second, $50 to the third horse; mile heats, best three in five, in harness.

G. Walker's b g Whisper (formerly First of May)	3	1	0	1	1
P. DeWitt's b m Gipsey	1	4	4	2	4
W. W. Briggs' g g Jim Moffet	4	3	0	4	3
W. C. Hicks' br g Frank	2	2	3	3	2

Time—2:42½, 2:40, 2:44, 2:42½, 2:40¾.

CLIFTON PARK, Clifton, N. J.—May 8.—Purse $250, for horses that have never beaten 2:45; $125 to first, $75 to second, $50 to third horse; mile heats, best three in five, in harness.

J. E. Jarvis' ch g Billy Edwards	1	1	2	1
W. W. Briggs' b g Jim Moffet	4	5	1	4
J. Manee's g g William	3	2	3	2
J. D. Cole's b m Marth	2	3	4	3
J. Pawling's b g Doubtful	5	4	5	dr

Time—2:43¾, 2:43, 2:45, 2:44.

SAME DAY.—Match $200; mile and repeat, in harness.

W. Gallagher's b g Tommy Moore (trotter)	2	1	1
F. Ward's g g Billy Taylor (pacer)	1	2	2

Time—2:44, 2:45, 2:40¼.

CLIFTON PARK, Clifton, N. J.—May 9, 1877.—Purse $250; for horses that have never beaten 2:35; $125 to first, $75 to second, and $50 to the third; mile heats, best three in five, in harness.

R. DeWitt's b m Gipsey Maid	0	2	3	1	1	1
Wm. Gallagher's b g Tommy Moore	0	1	1	3	2	2
Wm. W. Briggs' b g Jim Moffet	3	3	2	2	3	ro
G. B. Brown's r g St. George	4	4	4	4	4	ro

Time—2:42½, 2:43¾, 2:43½, 2:43, 2:44¾, 2:47½.

SAME DAY.—Purse of $250, for 2:40 class, under saddle; $125 to the first, $75 to the second, and $50 to the third; mile heats, best three in five.

J. Pawling's b g Doubtful	2	2	1	1	1
Wm. Gallagher's br g Frank	1	1	2	2	2
S. Moran's g g Tom Wonder	3	3	3	3	dr
G. Vanderwater's Christina	4	dis			

Time—2:44, 2:48, 2:47¼, 2:51½, 2:54½.

Sacramento Jockey Club Spring Meeting

SUMMARY.

SACRAMENTO JOCKEY CLUB, AGRICULTURAL PARK COURSE, April 20.—Trotting; 2:226 class: purse $750; $450 to first, $200 to second, $100 to third.

D. Dennison's Almeda Maid	5	2	4	4	1	1	1
W. L. Pritchard's Governor Stanford	4	4	1	1	2	2	2
James Tennant's Abe Edginton	1	1	2	3	3	dis	
C. H. Shear's Sweetbriar	2	5	3	dis			
Marcey & Co.'s Brushy John	3	3	dis				

Time—2:26¼, 2:28½, 2:28¾, 2:28½, 2:32¼, 2:32½, 2:37½.

SACRAMENTO JOCKEY CLUB, AGRICULTURAL PARK COURSE, April 21, 1877.—Running; mile heats; purse $600; $400 to first, $140 to second, $60 to third.

Jos. Cairn Simpson's b m Lady Amanda, by imp. Hurrah, dam Lady Lancaster, by imp. Monarch, 6 years	1	1
W. L. Pritchard names ch h Bazer, 4 yrs, by Jack Malone, dam Ivy Leaf, by imp. Australian	2	2
A. Miller names b h Morphine, 5 yrs, by Norfolk, dam by Lodi	3	3

Time—1:44¾, 1:41¾.

SAME DAY.—Trotting, 2:40 class; purse $400.

D. Dennison names Ophir	2	1	1	2	1
D. Gannon names Frank Charles	1	2	2	1	2

Time—2:41½, 2:53, 2:43¼, 2:40¼, 2:43.

Trotting at Jersey City, N. J.

WEST SIDE PARK, JERSEY CITY, N. J.—TROTTING—May 3, 1877.—Purse of $100, for horses that never beat three minutes; $50 to first, $30 to second and $20 to the third; mile heats, best three in five, in harness.

T. E. Jarvis' ch g Billy Edwards	2	1	1	1
P. Manee's g g William	1	2	3	3
H. Gilbert's blk g Nesbit	4	3	2	2
R. W. Rand's b m Nina Daniels	3	4	4	4
J. Gayner's b g S. G. Schober	5	5	6	dr
T. Ogle's s g Billy Boliver	6	6	5	dr
H. Farrington's g g Gray Steele	dr			

Time, 2:55, 2:46¾, 2:49, 2:53¼.

SAME DAY.—Purse $100, for horses that never beat 2:35; $50 to the first, $30 to the second and $20 to the third horse; mile heats, best three in five, in harness.

William Gallagher's b g Tommy Moore	1	1	2	1
J. Haslett's ch g Silas Rich	2	2	1	3
R. De Witt's b m Gipsey Maid	3	3	3	2

Time, 2:49½, 2:49¾, 2:55¾, 2:44¾.

Trotting in Boston.

BEACON PARK, BOSTON, May 4, 1877.—Purse of $100 for the 2:50 class; $50, $25, $15 and $10; mile heats, best three in five, in harness.

E. M. Berry names g g Daniel	2	1	1	1
H. Woodruff names b g Dan Crockett	1	4	3	3
John Trout names blk m Bashaw Maid	2	2	2	2
A. Woodward names s g Big Knee Jim	4	5	4	4
Colonel Dickey names br g Brown Ben	3	3	dis	
P. E. Drake names b s Lou Morris	5	6	dis	
James Dustin names g m Jennie	6	7	dis	

Time, 2:48, 2:45¾, 2:43, 2:42.

SAME DAY.—Purse of $100 for the 2:38 class; $50, $25, $15 and $10; mile heats, best three in five, to harness.

Dan Bigley, Jr., names b g Iron Age	1	1	3	0	2	1
Colonel Dickey names blk m Black Bess	2	4	2	3	1	2
E. L. Norcross names b s Bay Fearnaught	3	2	1	0	3	3
George H. Hicks names b g Jules Tower	4	3	4	5	5	ro
S. Hayes names s g m Lady Williams	5	5	5	4	4	ro

Time, 2:40, 2:39½, 2:39¼, 2:42, 2:41¼, 2:41¾.

Trotting at Suffolk Park, Philadelphia.

SUMMARY.

SUFFOLK PARK, May 2, 1877.—Sweepstakes of $500; mile heats, 2 in 3 for colts.

John Clay's b m Betsy Marshall, to wagon	1	1	1
John Duffy's s m Lottie H., in harness	3	4	2
Wm. Carson's b g Harry Disston, in harness	4	2	3
John Bartleson's b g John Clay, in harness	2	3	5
J. L. Smith's b m Maggie T., to wagon	5	5	4

Time—3:06, 3:08, 3:10½.

Trotting at New Hunting Park, Philadelphia.

SUMMARY.

NEW HUNTING PARK, May 2.—Sweepstakes; mile heats 3 in 5, in harness:

N. Willick's br g Frank	1	2	1	2	1
G. W. Melcher's b g Blinker	3	1	2	1	2
N. Castor's d g Dun Allen	2	3	3	3	dr

Time—2:52¾, 2:50, 2:54, 2:48, 2:50.

The California Turf.

TROTTING AT SALINAS, CAL.—The inducement of a purse of $2,000 tendered by the Agricultural Society of Monterey Co., drew the Maid and Rarus, to Salinas on May 5th. The Maid lost the second, heat which was the fastest of the contest or rather hippodrome. The following is a summary:

Budd Doble's b m Goldsmith Maid	1	2	1	1
John Splinn's b g Rarus	2	1	2	2

Time, 2:24¾, 2:23, 2:25, 2:25¼.

THE MAID AND RARUS.—On the 12th inst., Goldsmith Maid and Rarus trotted at San Jose, a best three in five race. The Maid won in three straight heats. Time, 2:20½, 2:16¼, 2:19¾. The second heat was the fastest ever trotted in the state, Occident's best time being 2:16¾. The track was good, but there was a stiff breeze.

Racing in England.

THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS.

LONDON, May 2, 1877.

This was the second day of the first Spring Meeting at Newmarket, the principal event being the race for the Two Thousand Guineas Stakes, the first of the great three-year-old events of England, the others being the Derby and the St. Leger. For the Guineas there were eleven starters. Chamant started even in the betting with Morier, at 9 to 4 against each. Chamant drew to the front soon after the start, but was challenged by Mr. Sanford's Brown Prince. Chamant shook off the latter easily, and won by a canter in a length. Brown Prince, with 33 to 1 against him, was three-quarters of a length ahead of Silvio, who started with 14 to 1 against him.

After the race 7 to 4 was offered against Chamant for the Derby, and 20 to 1 against Brown Prince for the same event.

The race—a mile and seventeen yards—was said to have been run in 1:50.

The following is the

SUMMARY.

THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS STAKES, a subscription of 100 sovs each, half forfeit, for three-year-olds; colts 122 lbs and fillies 117 lbs; the owner of the second horse to receive 200 sovs. out of the stakes, and the third to save his stake; Rowley mile; 101 subs.

Count F. de Lagrange's (French) b c Chamant, by Mortemer, dam Araucaria	1
M. H. Sanford's (American) br c Brown Prince, by Lexington, dam Britannia IV	2
Lord Falmouth's b c Silvio (English), by Blair Athol, dam Silverhair	3
Mr. Alexander Baltazzi's ch c, by Buccaneer, dam by Voltella	0
Lord Calthorpe's ch c Monachus, by Hermit, dam The Doe, by Turnus	0
Mr. F. Gretton's ch c Monk, by Hermit, out of Thorsday	0
Mr. C. Alexander's ch c Thunderstone, by Thunderbolt, out of La Belle Jeanne	0
Baron A. de Rothschild's br c Strachino, by Parmesian, out of Old Maid	0
Duke of Westminster's b c Morier (late Mon Frere), by Young Melbourne, out of General Peel's dam, by Orlando	0
Mr. C. Rayner, Jr.'s ch c Warren Hastings, by Citadel, out of Plunder	0
Mr. F. Gretton's b c Kingsclere, by Lord Clifden, out of Queen Bee, by King Tom	0

CHAMANT, THE WINNER,

is a bay colt by Mortemer, out of Araucaria, and was foaled at Count Lagrange's breeding establishment, the name of which he bears. Last year he ran eight times and was unsuccessful on five occasions; but it was evident that his first essays were those of a new beginner, and he was also on the big side; while he finished up the season by displaying racing abilities which placed him indisputably at the head of the list of aspirants for the three-year-old events of 1877.

THE SECOND HORSE—BROWN PRINCE.

This grand colt was foaled at the Woodburn Stud, Kentucky. He was bred by A. J. Alexander, and was purchased the following year at that gentleman's annual sale of yearlings by Mr. M. H. Sanford for $4,000. He was sired by that grand old hero, Lexington, out of imported Brittania IV., by the flying Dutchman, her dam Barbetta, by the Bard, thus being a full brother of the noted race mare Madame Dudley, now in the stud at Mr. Sanford's Elkhorn farm. Brown Prince was taken to England when a yearling, where he was described as a large, grand looking colt of great promise. He did not run as a two-year-old, his race for the £100 plate two weeks ago at Newmarket over the Rowley mile being his maiden effort. He then beat Pirat at even weights. His race to-day stamps him a first-class race horse, and although the report states that Chamant shook him off when Brown Prince challenged him, the French horse may not do the same thing when they meet in the Derby, where the distance is a half a mile more than the Rowley mile.

WILL CONTINUE.—Miss de Rothschild will maintain the Mentmore stud intact under the management of her cousins.

Turf Notes.

Trotting Meetings.

DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	May 22 to 24	Dexter Park, Chicago	July 17, 18, 19, 20
LeRoy, N. Y.	May 29 to 31	Cleveland, O.	July 24 to 27
Freeport, Ill.	May 29 to June 1	Sycamore, Ill.	July 24 to 28
Fleetwood Park, N. Y.	May 29—June 1	Buffalo, N. Y.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Ambler Park, Pa.	May 29 to June 1	Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Belmont Park, Phila.	June 4 to 7	Rochester, N. Y.	2d week in Aug.
Medina, N. Y.	June 5 to 7	Prophetstown, Ill.	2d week in Aug.
Utica, N. Y.	June 5 to 7	Tiskilwa, Ill.	2d week in Aug.
Muskegon, Mich.	June 5 to 7	Mendota	3d week in August
Dubuque, Iowa	June 5 to 8	Utica, N. Y.	3d week in Aug.
Mystic Park, Boston	June 5 to 8	Earlville, Ill.	4th week in Aug.
Dayton, Ohio	June 7 to 9	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	Aug. 21 to 24
Syracuse, N. Y.	June 12 to 14	Springfield, Mass.	Aug. 21 to 24
Peru, Ind.	June 12 to 16	Macomb, Ill.	Aug. 28 to 29
Beacon Park, Boston	June 12 to 15	Hartford, Conn.	Aug. 28 to 31
Cedar Rapids	June 12 to 15	Cambridge, Ill.	Aug. 27 to Sept. 2
Jackson, Mich.	June 26 to 29	Oskaloosa, Ia.	Aug. 28 to 31
Kalamazoo, Mich.	June 12 to 15	Dubuque, Ia.	Sept. 10 to 15
Elmira, N. Y.	June 19 to 21	Davenport, Ia.	Sept. 3 to 8
Madison, Ind.	June 19 to 21	Fleetwood Park, N. Y.	Sept. 4 to 6
Dover, N. H.	June 19 to 22	Mystic Park, Boston	Sept. 4 to 7
Grand Rapids, Mich.	June 19 to 22	Narragansett Park, R. I.	Sept. 11-14
St Petersburg, Pa.	June 26 to 29	Beacon Park, Boston	Sept. 11 to 14
Cincinnati, O.	June 30 to July 4	Dayton, O.	Sept. 24 to 28
Oskaloosa, Ia.	July 2 to 4	Virginia, Ill.	Oct. 16, 17 and 18
Stuart, Iowa	July 2 to 5	Ambler Park, Pa.	Sept. 25 to 28
Macomb, Ill.	July 3 to 5	Fleetwood Park, N. Y. (Breeders' Meeting)	3d week in Oct.
Londonville, O.	July 3 to 4	St. Louis	Oct. 1 to 6
Detroit, Mich.	July 3 to 6	Londonville, O.	Oct. 2 to 5
East Saginaw, Mich	July 17 to 20		

Racing Meetings.

Lexington, Ky	May 12 to 19	Columbus	June 11 to 14
Baltimore, Md.	May 22 to 25	Cleveland	June 18 to 21
Louisville, Ky.	May 22 to 28	Jerome Park, N. Y.	June 2-16—Oct
Cincinnati	June 2 to 7		

DEATH OF MELBOURNE, JR.—Mr. A. Keene Richards, Blue Grass Park, Georgetown, Ky., lost, on the 1st inst., his bay stallion Melbourne, Jr., from a severe attack of colic. Melbourne, Jr., was a rich and rare-bred horse, being of pure English lineage, by imp. Knight of St. George, out of imp. Melrose by Melbourne, her dam Clarkia by Muley Moloch, out of Sister to Righton by Palmerin, etc., etc. He was foaled in 1860, just in the beginning of the war, and was sold to Mr. Wm. R. Lewis, of Great Crossings, Scott Co., Ky., and he has had little or no chance at the stud, except within the last few years, when he was repurchased by Mr. Richards. Melbourne, Jr., with his limited chances, sired Locust Post, Grit, Marie Michon, Mettle, Melvern, Flying Locust and others. He died the very day that three of his sons appeared at Nashville, Tenn., two of whom proved winners, and the third ran a hard race of four heats for his race. Melrose produced two own sisters to Melbourne, Jr., Moss Rose, owned by Mr. John Hall, of California, that has been a most successful brood mare, and Eliza Davis, owned by Mr. R. J. Hancock, of Virginia, the dam of War Song, War Cry and War Call by War Dance. Melbourne, Jr., is not only a great loss to Mr. Richards, but to breeders generally, and he died, just like many other stallions, just when his stock were showing most promise.—*Kentucky Live Stock Record.*

TEN BROECK AND ARISTIDES.—THE LATEST.—The race at Louisville between Ten Broeck and Aristides is off for certain. Aristides was training well until last Monday a week ago, when it was found that his forelegs ware afflicted with splints. Dr. Herr has hoped against hope and hesitated about giving orders to take him out of training as long as there was the slightest chance of his being able to run; but on the 15th inst. the fiat went forth, and the work of preparing him for the contest with Ten Broeck stopped. He may be able to run in the Fall, but the probabilities are that his career as a racer has closed, and that next year he will be doing duty in the stud. This will be a severer blow to the Louisville Jockey Club meeting, by far, than the denunciations of the "unco gude" of the town.

WINNING SIRES AT NASHVILLE.—The following is a list of winning sires and amounts won by their get at the Nashville meeting:

Melbourne, Jr.	$1,200	Uncle Vic	$ 250
Virgil	1,200	Imp. Leamington	250
Foster	1,075	West Roxbury	150
Planet	850	Imp. Glenelg	100
Star Davis	500	Enquirer	50
War Dance	475	Vandal	50
Imp. Bonnie Scotland	475		

POOL SELLING AT NASHVILLE.—The pools sold at the Nashville meeting, both Paris Mutuel and auction amounted to between $80,000 $90,000.

SADIE BELL.—This fine filly is said to have trotted a half mile in 1:08½ over the Point Breeze course, on Saturday last.

TROTTING AT SYRACUSE, N. Y.—The Syracuse Driving Park having been leased this season by Messrs. Morris, Feek and Pendergast, they have been for the past week announced through the press that they would give a free exhibition of blooded stock, trials of speed, and a gala day, to open the park, on May 10th. The feature of the afternoon was the trotting. Mr. Haskin's bay gelding, Geo. F. Smith, winning the gentlemen's road wagon trot, beating Tom Malloy, Bell Burr and Whittier's chestnut mare, Tom Malloy securing the first heat. The time was 2:52½, 2:47½, 2:49¾. A trot next took place between Clifton Boy and Bonner. The latter was the winner in two heats. Time, 2:39, 2:32. Among the stallions shown was Kereler; he is a rich dark bay, six years old, sired by Satellite, he by Robert Bonner, a son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian. Satellite's dam, Pet, by Champion (Crawford Co.), he by Champion (Grinnell's), Reveler's dam Lizzie, a mare well-known on the Harlem road, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, grand dam by Exton Eclipse, by Old American Eclipse. Messrs. Smith & Powell also exhibited their wonderful Clydesdale stallions King of the East and Scotchman. The former is a dark bay, four years old, and weighs about 1,800 pounds. The latter, a dark dapple gray, three years old, weighing 1,400 pounds.

ROCHESTER JOCKEY CLUB.—The Inaugural Meeting of the Rochester Jockey Club takes place June 26, 27 and 28. On the first day there is a purse of $150, for all ages a mile dash, a purse of $300, for all ages; weight for age. Mile heats, and the Rochester Derby, two miles, for all ages; second day, the sport opens with Ladies' Stakes, three-quarters of a mile, for two-year-olds. Hotel Stakes, mile heats, for three-year-olds; $20 p. p., $400 added by the hotels; $100 to second. Club purse, $200, one mile and a quarter, for all ages. On the third day, President Cook Stakes, mile heats, for all ages; $15 p. p., $300 added by the hotels. Rochester Cup, for all ages; $20 p. p., $400 added by the Association. Dash of two miles and a half. Hurdle Race, two miles, over eight hurdles; $350.

SALE OF GRIT AND BATHGATE.—Mr. W. T. Linck, of Nashville, has sold to James Crawford, of Georgia, his four year old race horse Grit, by Melbourne, Jr., dam Wagonette, by Wagoner; and his three year old colt, Bathgate, by Bonnie Scotland, dam Sue Walton, by Jack Malone, to Jo Donohue, of New York. Mr. Linck has also sold his interest in Bramble, the winner of Young America stake No. 2, last week. Mr. Donnohue bought Bathgate with a view of making a hurdler of him.

FOURTH OF JULY AT KANSAS CITY.—The Secretary of the Kansas City Agricultural Fair Association announces a day's sport on Wednesday, July 4, 1877, when $800 in purses will be given. The first race is a 2:40 trot, $250, mile heats, 3 in 5 to harness; running mile dash, $150; for all ages; and a free for all trot, $400, mile heats, 3 in 5 to harness; and a general celebration on the grounds. Entries close Monday, July 2d, 1877.

THE UNCLE NED-SLEEPY KATE MATCH.—In the big 600 yard running race over Brandenbury's Lane, near Anderson, Ind., on the 10th inst., for $1,000 a side, Lewark's Uncle Ned won by 12 feet, but the backers of Sleepy Kate have refused to give up the money. Ira Williams had charge of Uncle Ned, and he says that in a racing experience of 25 years he was never so meanly treated as he was by the party backing the defeated mare.

ACCIDENT TO BOB JOHNSON.—This well known and popular trotting horse trainer and driver met with a serious accident at Peru last Tuesday. A horse he was driving from Peru to the track suddenly bolted, upsetting the buggy and throwing Mr. Johnson to the ground with great violence, so severely bruising him as to cause him to be confined to his bed, but it is hoped he will be well in a week or two.—*Indianapolis People.*

SALE OF NORMA.—Mr. Richard Penistan has sold to Dun Walton, of New York city, his white mare Norma, by Dan Rice's trick horse Excelsior, a son of the famous race horse Gray Eagle. Norma has a record of 2:35½, made in a fifth heat at Jackson, Mich., on a half-mile track. She has trotted a private trial in 2:26. Norma is nine years old, 15½ hands high; is very handsome, and her disposition is all that could be desired.

FANNIE LEE.—Mr. J. D. Martin, of Glen Mary farm, in Sumner county, Tenn., reports that his trotting mare Fannie Lee foaled on the 28th ult., a large, strongly built bay colt, with star, by Skedaddle, the sire of Frank Reeves. Mr. Martin, who bred and owned Reeves, says the youngster resembles his distinguished half brother in many respects, but is a larger colt than Reeves was at the same age.

EXTENDING THE IOWA CIRCUIT.—The Marshalltown driving park, under the management of B. F. Frederick, has announced a meeting to take place on June 26, 27 and 28. Twenty-five hundred dollars are offered in purses. This fills up and completes the circuit for June, including Dubuque, Cedar Rapids, Marshalltown, Oskaloosa and Ottumwa.

RACES AT CLEVELAND.—The stake race entries to the Forest City Jockey Club closed May 1. There were forty-two entries. Horses were entered from Kentucky, Tennessee, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Canada. The purse entries close the evening before the races. The meeting commences on June 20th, and continues three days.

DECLARED OUT.—The following horses have been declared out of the Baltimore Handicap Stakes for four-year-olds, to be run at that city, May 22d: Freebooter, 112 lbs; Waco, 106 lbs; Steptoe, 101 lbs; Durango, 95 lbs; Danville, 97 lbs, and Warlock, 110 lbs. Viator has been thrown out of training and will not start for the Baltimore Cup.

THE BOARD OF APPEALS.—A meeting of the Atlantic District Board of Appeals is announced to be held on the 22d inst. When will this club of mutual admirationists vouchsafe the suffering West a session. The disgust of owners and drivers with the calm indifference displayed by these worthies is daily finding vent.

JACK DRAPER AND LITTLE GIPSY.—The earliest of the Eastern stables to arrive at Dexter Park is that of Mr. W. H. Crawford, with Little Gipsy (2:25½) and Jack Draper (2:27). Mr. Crawford will make Chicago the diverging point for this season's campaign through the several Western circuits.

GOLDSMITH'S STABLE.—Mr. Alden Goldsmith's trotting stables, comprising 10 head, have gone into training for the season at the Poughkeepsie Driving Park. The string includes Trio, record 2:23½; Huntress, record 2:20¾; Dateman, record 2:27; Alley, record 2:28¾; Lottie, record 2:31.

TEN BROECK'S LAST MATCH.—Mr. Richard Ten Broeck, the well known Kentucky turfman, was married recently to Mrs. Mary C. Newcomb, widow of the late millionaire president of the Louisville and Nashville railroad. Ten Broeck is over sixty and the bride about twenty-four.

INDIGNANT.—Several hundred citizens, including numerous clergymen, merchants, lawyers, etc., of Louisville, Ky., held an indignation meeting on May 14th, and adopted a written protest against the city council of Louisville, in declaring the Kentucky Derby a legal holiday.

SALE OF A STALLION.—Chas. E. Stuart, Esq., has sold to Mr. Chas. Nicholson, of Jackson, Mich., the bay stallion Hero Hambletonian, by the Drew Hambletonian, he by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam by Hero, by Abdallah. He is sixteen hands high, and weighs 1,200 pounds.

OCCIDENT DEFEATS BODINE.—On the 11th inst., these trotters came together at San Jose, Cal., for a purse of $2,000. Occident who appears to be getting at himself again defeated our Chicago horse. The event was decided in three heats. Time, 2:26, 2:24, 2:21¾.

TROTTERS AT WORK.—In their exercise at Mystic Park, on the 12th inst., Comee trotted a mile in 2:29; Fearnaught, Jr., 2:30; and James G. Blaine 2:33. At Beacon Park Nettie Burlew trotted in 2:29; Cassius Prince in 2:33; George A. Ayer in 2:32.

A PREACHER'S TROTTER.—Brother Moody, of the firm of Moody & Sankey, evangelists, is said to have invested in a trotter. He was sired by Young America. How he was dammed is not recorded. He paid $1,000 for him.

HAMPDEN PARK NOT LEASED.—The Hampden Park Association has not renewed its lease of that track for a term of years, and the Hampden Agricultural Society now offers the track on a lease to the highest bidder.

DATE CHANGED.—St. Petersburg, Pa., May 8, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—The opening of the Spring meeting will take place June 26th, instead of June 20th. C. C. DUFFIELD.

BREAK DOWN OF VIGIL.—Advices from New York, announce the break down of the fine race horse Vigil on May 12th, at Jerome Park, while taking his work.

FRANK.—The black gelding Frank, with a record of 2:22¾, has been taken to Rochester for training. He is owned by Hiram Kingsley, of Syracuse, N. Y.

Game and Shooting.

Sportsmen's Fixtures for 1877.

The National Sportsmen's Association.—Syracuse, N. Y., June 5.
New York State Association for the Protection of Fish and Game.—Syracuse, May —.
Illinois State Sportsmen's Association.—Sycamore, June 12.
Nebraska State Sportsmen's Association—Plattesmouth, May 22 to 24.
Kentucky State Sportsmen's Association—Lexington, May 12 to 19.

Turkey Shooting.

BY LAZY ALIC

As this is the heighth of gobbling time with the turkeys, I concluded the first of last week to give them a turn. I invited my friend Brown who is a true sportsman and "to the manor born" to accompany me.

Tuesday evening, after dinner, all things being in readiness, we left town for the thickets, about ten miles distance. Brown was on horse back, with double barrel gun and ammunition, turkey caller in pocket. I was in my buggy with the buffalo robes, blankets and commissary stores. In addition I set in my double barrel gun for turkeys in the morning and evening, and my rifle, thinking I might get a chance at a deer at long range. Away we went in the finest of spirits, bent on sport; we had gone six or seven miles from town to where the wagon road turns away to the left, to get around some branches and thickets to again come into the due course, say two miles distant. There was a blind path or bridle way that went directly across the branches and thickets to again intersect the main wagon road. I said to Brown, you take that by-path, now go very slow, and keep your eye skinned, for the first thing you know you will ride right upon a drove of deer or a gang of turkeys; but should you see the game, you will beat me to where the trail intersects the wagon road, in which event you can hitch your horse to a tree and slip up the branch to some small prairies where you may see some game, as it is a charming place for deer and turkeys to stay.

Sure enough, when I got round there was Brown's horse hitched as I had told him. I drew in my reins, and had not waited more than eight or ten minutes until I heard the report of Brown's gun. In a few minutes he came walking back with a fine, young two year old gobbler on his back, beard about four inches long. I tell you he was a beauty; the gobbler was drawn, gizzard, liver and heart stowed away inside of him for camp meat; the skin was split on his breast, and the crop taken out; for at this time of the year the wild onions are up five or six inches high, and when the crop if left in the dead turkey it generally tastes of the onions. Some salt was thrown inside to season the titbits and draw the blood from the turkey. The dead turkey was thrown into the buggy. Brown mounted his horse, and half an hour's drive brought us to our camp ground; horses were picketed, wood collected for fire at night, commissary stores and blankets hung up in the trees, and we were ready for the evening's hunt.

Now I had hunted over this ground for the last twenty-five years, and knew it took good hunters to make a good bag. Large game is getting very scarce in this country, and what had brought me to this particular place was that I had seen an old hunter, a few days before, who had told me he had spent a night in the hog-wallow thicket at a certain point, and the next morning he had heard fifteen or twenty old gobblers. Our object now was to strike, if possible, this gang of old gobblers, for we knew where we found the gobblers we would be sure to find the hens. I don't suppose many of the readers of the CHICAGO FIELD know what hog-wallows are. In the rough or hammock lands in Texas there are ridges and depressions in the ground of nature's formation; the ridges are now covered with grass and weeds from six to ten inches in height. The hog wallows generally contain water so that the grass does not grow in them until the water has evaporated from the heat of the sun. In the hammock lands these hog-wallows are very thick, often two or three in twenty or thirty feet square; the water at this time is from one to three inches deep in these hog-wallows. In many places the ground was open, with large trees here and there; in other places it was a dense thicket of brush briars and vines—a glorious place for turkeys and deer.

Brown struck out in one direction, I in another; now for the lucky man who should strike their roosting place and be there in the evening at gobbling time. The gobblers at this time of the year all roost separate, each one to himself; but where you find one, in a half mile round you generally find several more. Very often they will roost only a few hundred yards apart, we had not separated ten minutes when I heard the report of Brown's gun; great God I thought to myself now that fellow Brown has got another turkey, bad luck to him; but then I thought that would do no good for he has a way of killing every fair shot he gets. The sun was now nearly down, and I saw if I was going to do anything it must be done quickly. I found a tree top on the ground, hid myself among the brush and leaves, took out my turkey caller and went to work in earnest. I had seen much deer signs as well as turkey tracks and scratching, and thought I must be in the immediate vicinity of where they were, for one good long half hour I called and called, and yelped and yelped, but could get no response from either gobbler or hen. About this time I again heard the report of Brown's gun, and in a second the report of the other barrel. Oh, but I was on thorns; I had waded through the hog-wallows, and crept through the briar thickets for at least a mile and a half, and no game had I ever seen, but that red-headed fellow, Brown, could just go out from camp and shoot right and left.

I was right mad; I was so mad that I took out my pipe, filled it with tobacco, lighted it, commenced smoking, and struck out for camp. Now I am a wicked sinner, and had some most wicked thoughts as I went to camp. Now I thought, suppose Brown has killed two or three turkeys, won't that be too bad on me; how in the world will I ever stand it. Then I began to think, maybe he has missed; but then I thought there was but little chance of that. My good Lord how much would I give if I only knew he had missed all three shots; wicked as they were, such were my thoughts as I went back to camp.

It was dark when I got in. Brown had beat me there. I was afraid to say anything to him. At last he said how did you make it? No game, said I; how did you come out? Shot at a deer, and twice at turkeys—bagged no game. I did not say a word but you bet I felt good. Brown said he had struck a regular bonanza, had shot at a deer on the run at forty yards; the deer's shoulder's were behind an ash sappling which had caught three of his buckshot, hence had got no venison; had heard six old gobblers, had hidden himself and commenced calling on the nearest one; heard him coming, could hear the sound of his wings on the ground after he would gobble; it resembles distant thunder and must be heard to be appreciated. The sound makes an old sportsman feel good all over; it frightens a young one nearly to death, and is sure to give him the buck ague. Brown told me how good he felt. thought he had him, cocked both barrels and expected every moment to see him come in range; but just then there came a little hen just as hard as she could split, and for fear she would run up on him and scare the old gobbler, he had to shoot her; so he covered her and pulled down; he then bounced to his feet to try and get a shot at the old gobbler but could not; he had knocked he hen over with his first barrel and thought she was dead, but when he went around to get her she arose from the ground where she had been fluttering around and off she went; he fired the other barrel at her through the brush, but did not get her. Four shots for Brown and one turkey. No shots, no meat for Lazy Alic.

Next was a hearty supper of bread, meat, coffee, and such delicacies as we had brought with us; then the buffalo robes and blankets were spread on the fresh green grass for a good rest and long talk. Pipes were brought into requisition and hours passed by as though they were minutes. When we had got rested Brown said, I will rig up the fire cap and go and kill a deer; it had clouded up and obscured the stars, and looked as though it would rain. Without the stars for a guide no living man could have hunted that thicket, and have returned to camp that night. The light from the lamp or fire cap, as it is termed, so bewilders the most experienced hunter, without he has some guide to direct him, even in the day time.

When hunting in that hog-wallow country we always carry a pocket compass to consult from time to time whether our direction is right. So it was arranged for me to stay at camp and blow the horn from time to time, so that Brown could return when he wished. I suppose most of the readers of the CHICAGO FIELD know what a fire cap or lamp is, for shining deers' eyes and killing them at night. It is therefore unnecessary for me to describe it, but I will say this, that it is cold blooded murder to hunt deer with the fire cap. They have no chance whatever; they stand and gaze at the lights, and unsuspecting of danger are shot down before they are aware of the hunters presence. They should only be hunted with a lamp where they are very scarce, and so wild that you can get them in no other way. Brown was soon out of sight, when I refilled and relighted my meerschaum, stretched myself out on the blankets for a good smoke, and to give the horn an occasional wind for his information; every fifteen minutes I would blow a few blasts, and then stretched out on the blankets again.

Hours passed and passed; I had heard nothing from Brown, and it was getting late in the night. I consulted my watch, and found it near midnight; so far I had still heard nothing of Brown. I know that I began to feel sleepy, but can hardly think I went sound asleep, be that as it may, but I had just consciousness enough left to know that I heard the report of a gun in some direction, but I was so near asleep that I could not tell where. I blew a few blasts on the horn and Brown answered. In a short time I saw his bright face through the brush and into camp he came. Oh! but he was good and mad. Now he says Lazy Alic, you are a pretty fellow for a man to go hunting with, here I have been out in this hogwallow thicket for the last three or four good long hours lost, and did not know where I was, and you in camp asleep. I protested my innocence most stoutly; told him I was willing to kiss Mathew, Luke, and John, that I had not been asleep. It was some time before I could pacify him I talked good to him, brought him the bottle of bitters and made him take three or four strong pulls at it; then brought him a cup of warm, strong coffee that I had made, and Richard was soon himself again. Now said I, what news from the front. Oh, said he, all is right. I got one shot and killed a fine two year old buck; what did you do with him? Took out his entrails and hung him up in a tree Can you find him again? Yes I think so; I was lost when I killed him, and never should have known to-night where I was if you had not blown the horn. I was rambling around not knowing where, and killed him within a few hundred yards of camp.

I then began to think that maybe so I had been asleep, and that Brown had just cause of complaint against me. Brown threw the saddle on his horse and went after the buck. I know I blowed the horn that time, for in a few minutes he was back with the deer strapped on behind his saddle. He was skinned, quartered and hung up on the limbs of the trees, so that we would not have him to bother us in the morning.

Now for a few hours sleep, so down we laid, and I was soon lost to all worldly affairs. I slept some time and when I awoke there was Brown sitting up before the fire. I say Brown, what are you doing up there, why aint you asleep. I cant go to sleep, dont expect to sleep a minute; I am spending the night in chewing tobacco and pulling off ticks. That cup of coffee you gave me was so strong that I know I shall not sleep any, and besides, it is time we were making ready for the turkey hunt, this morning.

I consulted my watch again and found it was after three o'clock. So up I gets, made more coffee, toasted some bread, and broiled a couple of venison ribs. Our early breakfast was soon dispatched, as it had now cleared off and the stars were shining bright; at four o'clock we struck out for the turkey roost. The God of day began to show his light in the eastern sky before we reached the neighborhood of the turkeys. I saw that it was going to be warm and clear, and would be a morning in ten thousand for an old gobbler. We proceeded very cautiously, for we knew we were getting near them. At last Brown said we would stop, as he thought one would gobble near us; we did not have to wait long, for in less than ten minutes an old sea dog belched forth in thunder tones. When he first gobbled, several more in the neighborhood answered him. He was not more than three hundred yards off. Now, said Brown, you have not got a shot yet. You take him, and I will step around and try and get one of the others.

I proceed to advance upon him with great caution, for they are extremely watchful; to approach an old gobbler properly, when he is on the roost and shoot him before he is aware of your presence, is the nicest work the sportsman ever does. It was now broad daylight, and I tell you their voices fairly made the welkin' ring. About this time I got a glimpse of him in the top of a tall ash tree. I soon got sufficiently near to have a good view of him. Oh, how good I felt when he would gobble, and then I would hear the sound of his wings as he strutted on the limb. I had reached the last tree but one that was between me and him; to get sufficiently near for a certain shot it was necessary that I should reach that tree. So I got down on my hands and knees, and proceeded to crawl, as though I was crawling for my life. I reached the tree all right, which brought me within seventy-five yards of him. I straightened up behind the tree, threw my gun to my shoulder, covered him full, and just as he gave a big strut pulled down; the sound of the gun reveberated through and through the woods, for some time. At the crack of the gun the old gobbler left the tree and attempted to fly away, but I saw he was badly disabled, and I soon had the satisfaction to hear him strike the ground at the distance of two or three hundred yards. When he struck the ground it reminded me of the thud produced by the falling of a log from a considerable height. I knew he was killed and it now only remained for me to retrieve him. So off I started for my gobbler, and had not gone more than seventy-five yards until I flushed a hen from the ground; I did not get a shot at her, and away she went as she thought scot free. But it was not so, for that lucky fellow Brown was right in her way, and, as she flew over him, down he brought her, making a good wing shot. I went down to where Brown had killed the turkey hen, as it was in the direction my gobbler had gone. He said he had seen him pass and heard him strike the ground, but from the way he flew hardly thought I would be able to retrieve him. I knew differently; so we turned out to hunt him up and, had not gone far until I had the satisfaction to hear Brown say here he is, and sure enough there he was. He was not quite dead, so Brown took out his belt knife, and cut his throat, so as to bleed as well as dispatch him. There he lay, the most noble game bird of the world. I thought I never saw a more noble looking gobbler; the sun was just rising, and the reflection from the gold and silver tinted feathers on his breast and back were most beautiful.

Most of us will act a little shabby on some occasions, and it generally returns on us with compound interest; so it was with me. I thought now was a good time to brag a little. So I said Brown, why don't you kill some such old gobbler as that. You know any novice can bag young gobblers and little hens, but you see it takes a sportsman well versed in his profession, and that fully understands his business to bag such old gobblers as that; now just look at that old gobbler, beard eleven and a half inches long, weight as he now is, 24 or 25 pounds; plumage the richest you ever saw. I saw he felt a little nettled, but he said nothing, only that anybody could bag such if he had the same chance. I tied a stout string around the neck and legs of my gobbler, swung him over my shoulder shot pouch fashion, and said I would go back to camp, as I had all I could carry. Brown slung on his hen the same way, and said he would go around to the left, and try for another.

I had not reached the half way ground to camp when I heard his gun again, and as I reached the camp another shot from him. Now I thought, suppose he was to kill a better gobbler than mine. would I not feel cheap after what I had said to him. But then I thought there surely cannot be a larger one in these woods. In about half an hour Brown entered camp, bending under the weight of his load of turkeys- He had two, the hen weighing 14 or 15 pounds, and an old gobbler fully as large and fine, if not larger, than mine. Now, he says, I reckon you think somebody else, besides you, can kill old gobblers. Now, Brown, you don't pretend to say that yours is as heavy as mine. Yes, I do, and heavier, too; his beard is longer, and he is the heavier and better of the two gobblers. I took out my rule and measured the length of their beards. Mine, eleven and a half inches, and horror of horrors, his full thirteen inches. I was determined to keep up a bold front. So I said maybe so. You would like to bet a small sum on their weights. That is just into my hand, said he. Name your pile, and I will cover it and give you one pound. I felt like I was beat, even at his proposition, but the only thing for me was to make my word good by the wager or back square down. Brown said in an exulting manner do you buck or back down. One dozen genuine Havana cigars, said I, all right said he, we shook hands on it. Now said Brown, no swindling in the weight of these gobblers, all is to be on the square, agreed said I, we will take them home, have them dressed ready for the oven. Mrs. Dugger the lady with whom you board, shall weigh yours, and Mrs. Lazy Alic shall weigh mine. The turkeys were drawn, crops taken out, and some salt thrown inside, the gizzards, livers and hearts from the four turkeys were cleaned, washed, salted and placed on sticks before the fire for breakfast previous to leaving for home.

Breakfast was soon over, the veinson and turkeys placed in the buggy and off for home. Two hours drive brought us to town, the hunt summed up for Brown, seven shots, bagged one deer and three turkeys. One shot for me bagged one old gobbler. I am sorry for any sportsman who has arrived at the years of maturity and has never had the honor and glory of bagging an old gobbler in the Spring time of the year. Such a sportsman has very just cause to grieve over a misspent life.

I see though that other correspondents of the CHICAGO FIELD know a thing or two about turkey hunting. There is "Kit Killbird," it is very plain from his writings that he has been there. I would bet my bottom dollar that "Kit" is a good one. I wish I could take "Kit," "Guido" and about half a dozen others of your correspondents, by the hand, give them a good hearty shake, and swap shooting yarns with them over a flagrant Havana.

My gobbler was weighed and tipped the beam at nineteen pounds, the first time I saw Brown I said how did your gobbler pan out? twenty-one and a half pounds, said he. Come right along, said I, and get the cigars. I paid them up like a man, and have felt better ever since.

I killed my first old gobbler in the State of Mississippi nearly forty years ago, when I was a boy not quite thirteen years old, and all the incidents connected with the killing are just as fresh in my memory as though it was but yesterday. I have heard men tell how they thought Bonaparte felt when he won the battle at Austerlitz, but from experience I have this to say, if Napoleon Bonaparte never killed an old gobbler in the Spring of the year, in gobbling time, when he was a boy, he never did know what it was to have great, grand and glorious feelings. If I live and have the opportunity I think I would like some time to tell my brother sportsmen about my first old gobbler.

McKinney, Texas, April 19, 1877.

PAST AND FUTURE.—Wooster, Ohio, May 7, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—Snipe shooting in this section has been very poor this Spring compared with other seasons; no large bags of any account until the past week, when Mr. Rodman Wister, of Pittsburg, and Mr. J. F. Leech, of Allegheny, on parts of two days bagged nearly one hundred birds. Woodcocks are plenty, and from appearances the shooting will be better than for some years back. The Bob Whites can be seen and heard in every direction, and the indications are that we will have more birds the coming Fall than ever before in this county. Mr. Jesse Sherwood passed through this place last night with his fine team of pointers and setters *en route* for the New York bench show; the dogs were all doing finely and feeling good.

KILLBUCK.

Camp Life Memories—Turkey Frank Slays the Monarch of the Glen.

BY JOHN J. BROMPTON.

PART VIII.

A mellow mist hangs on the trees,
A weird song floats on the breeze;
The night-bird hoots his doleful note
In answer to the lone coyote.
The moonlight falls in splendor bright
Upon our tent this Autumn night.

It has been a glorious day. Ah! how faithfully memory recalls each form and face which gathered around our camp fire to listen, with 'bated breath, while Turkey Frank recounts his victory. And, even now, I fancy myself seated in the Buck House, and—

Camp fire shadows are dancing in glee,
Happy and blythe as shadows can be,
While the notes of the guitar and flute,
Softening alike both man and brute—
Mellow the forlorn and plaintive note
Of doleful owl and hungry coyote.
Heart sounds love to heart, this Autumn night!
And memory's chain is burnished bright
As, seated each in his wonted place,
Kindly glances flit from face to face.

In the morning, clad in white turbans and white overshirts, to enable us to beguile the unsophisticated deer, we once more embarked on the crazy, treacherous, unwieldy raft and push for the western shore. At the foot of the hemlock-clad hill we separated, Hirshey going around to the right, Turkey Frank in the centre, and I to the left around its base. It had been agreed that we should meet about noon at the place where we had left the two deer on the previous night, carry them to the river, construct a raft and transport them down stream to camp.

After a walk of two miles I stopped to rest on a hill-side which over-looked an extensive chopping. In a short time I heard Frank's Spencer and saw a deer running east; he fired again and it changed its course to southwest; again and it ran east; once more and it started west, when he gave two more parting shots, which made six shots in all, and by this time his magazine was exhausted. I shouted to him, "Give 'em fits;" while from the opposite side of the chopping Hirshey yelled out, "let 'em fight!" Although from my point of observation I could see all over the chopping, I had not been able to discover Frank, so complete was his disguise. "Did any of 'em get away?" I asked. "How many have you got down?" asked Hirshey.

On coming together we found that, although the shooting had been done at long range, the buck had been hit twice—once fatally, as the blood was evidently from a wound through the lungs. We also detected fine mist-like drops of blood on the snow which had been blown out at the nose. After following the trail through the chopping and into the margin of a cedar swamp, I advised that we light our pipes, sit down and take an hour's smoke in order to give the wounded buck, which was a large one, time to sicken from his wounds. This was assented to; but ere five minutes had elapsed Frank, looking in advance along the trail, exclaimed: "Look at the blood on that log; he has litterally dragged himself over it!" Of course we must draw near the log.

"Why, here are *two* trails," said Frank; "I wonder which is *which?*"

"You stay here to mark this place, and I'll follow on *this* trail, and look for more blood," said Frank.

The flow of blood, which was quite free at first, had almost ceased, and the numerous deer trails promised no little vexation.

"It's all right; here's more blood," said Frank, and we pressed forward to see for ourselves. And thus, impelled by a wish to make assurance doubly sure, we followed on the trail, giving the wounded animal no chance to stop while yet his trail could be traced by the flowing blood, until the bleeding ceased entirely and we lost it. A few days later, as I was passing through this same section of the woods, seeing quite a bunch of deer hair lying on the snow, I looked around expecting to see other evidence of a combat, as it was during the "rutting season." Farther search revealed the fact that a deer had been devoured by a pack of wolves. The sign was suggestive of savage, blood-thirsty rapine. The hair was scattered over a space about fifty feet square; the only other relics were the lower bones of the hind legs and a piece of the hide about ten inches wide by fifteen inches long from which the flesh had been taken clean. These relics were all that was left of Turkey Frank's deer.

After we had despaired of finding Frank's wounded buck we again separated, intending as before to meet at noon. At the hour agreed upon I returned to the place of rendezvous, and found that Frank and Hirshey had been there an hour and a half before. He had left a paper in a conspicuous place, which read as follows: "Hirshey and I will take care of the deer.—Frank."

"P. S.—Simon says niggle-naggle." The post script evidently referred F. to a hill which intervened between the deer and the river.

I returned to the Buck House, expecting that my comrades and a good dinner were awaiting me, but no such fortune was in store. The camp was cold and desolate. It seemed a fitting habitation for the genius of desolation. Hanging on poles around the "heater" were old coats, pants, moccasins and boots; on the table were unwashed dishes; on the stove and in the bunks were dirty pots, blankets, guns, gun-wads, a guitar, cleaning rods, flutes, The Trapper's Guide, Frank Forester, Parker Gilmore, Dr. Lewis, Gen. Custer, Buffalo Land, a fiddle, A. H. Bogardus, The Wild North Land, Audubon, steel traps, matches, onions, pipes, cards, tobacco, etc., in awful confusion blent.

It will thus be seen that cleanliness was not a presiding virtue at the Buck House on this particular day. She, affrighted at the reign of chaos, had fled "into the myounting of Hepsidam." To woo her return should be my first endeavor. Cleanliness and a good conscience, in my estimation, go hand in hand.

I threw off my coat, rolled up my sleeves, pursed my mouth, frowned at the dirty pots and greasy plates, and mentally resolving that extinguished fire in the old heater again shall burn, and order shall reign in Warsaw, and—

"Tally-ho-o-o!"

I ran to the door to see "what was to pay!" Looking up the river I saw Hirshey on a raft floating down stream. Farther up the stream I saw Turkey Frank on anothe raft, arrayed in all the glory of a "bloody shirt" and seated on an enormous buck. He had pinned his blood-stained 'kerchief to an alder pole for a flag. He looked every inch a pirate.

"Frank's killed the Bull of the Woods," said Hirshey, as he neared the landing.

"He heard him going ma-ah-ah, ma-ah-ah, and, on looking around, he saw him chasing a doe, and he unhitched his old Spencer at 'im an' struck a sapling. He was holding on 'is heart an' the ball glanced and took 'im *right in the ear* an's killed him so dead he never smiled again!! Ah! how the memory of dirty dishes faded from my memory!

He was a magnificent buck—one of the largest I ever helped suspend on the trophy pole. His weight was variously estimated at from 200 to 250 pounds.

Wm. Bradshaw, of Delphi, Ind., wrote me that he killed a buck on this same river in November, '76, which weighed, dressed, *two hundred and forty-seven pounds!*

"And now the sylvan task is done
And o'er the chimney rests the gun,
While in idle trophy near
Having game-pouch, fishing-rod and spear."

Cruising in Florida.—No. 2.

BY MIGNON.

Biscayne Bay is a very beautiful sheet of water, making in behind Cape Florida and several small keys lying along its eastern mouth.

The voyager will do well to visit this place, as it has many good points of shelter from storms, and the Miama river, one of its tributaries, has some very pretty falls. Those in search of agricultural regions, however, may leave it out. Some of the land-owners thereabout, of course, declare its the "finest country under the sun;" but, in my opinion, it is destined to remain what it is, and what it has remained for many hundred years—an impracticable mixture of mangrove jungle and pine barrens. It is at present completely isolated from the civilized world, and being without either society, fertility, or really striking scenery, it is a bad place for a residence. There is not a school in the county, I believe. Judge Sturtevant has hereabout five acres of "the pine sand" under the most perfect cultivation; but he has simply devoted his life absolutely to this one idea, and, upon his showing me with pride what he said "Florida pine sand *could* do," I rather posed him by replying that I only saw what brains and energy could do even on a sand barren. The fact is, generally, that Florida is much misrepresented and more misunderstood. That all men are enthusiastic and extravagant in new pursuits is well known, and we pardon as excusable the glowing words of agricultural societies and land offices; but the stubborn fact remains that Florida is the oldest settled portion of the United States; that she has been successively tenanted by the Indian, the Spaniard, the Frenchman, the negro and the Englishman; and that, while each of these five races has succeeded elsewhere in America, yet Florida has remained almost entirely a barren wilderness.

Now, I have a great respect for your thick-headed grangers' opinion when there is a question of land and its capabilities; and I have never heard of any place where several distinct settlements died out that ever came to any good. You may certainly trust to the report that comes from so many independent and distinct sources.

Florida is not good for all consumptives either. I have heard one scientific idea and another advanced on that point; but these are small consolation to the mistaken patient. As the man said when asked as to whether he thought cholera was infectious or contagious—"I don't know, but its ketchin'," I am inclined to think each case stands on its own bottom. As a general rule I should say, keep away from the eastern coast; the winds there are unpleasant and bleak even to a well man.

The sportsman will find quails in abundance I think; but the dense palmetto bush will kill more dogs than the sportsman can birds. I can hardly give a correct idea of the wild fowl shooting as I have found it. A good shot, up to all the habits of wild fowls and well equipped can kill quite a respectable bag almost anywhere in the United States during the winter. But in warm weather it is well known that ducks do not fly well; they keep close and feed or play in the water. Here it is warm weather all the time. Duck shooting here from a stand must be at daylight or dusk, going and returning from the feeding grounds.

Of the sea ducks, along the eastern coast and among the keys, I saw but few, and those very wild. Inland, the river ducks seemed to be much more abundant but often quite lean and thin.

Retrieving ducks where alligators swarm beneath the inky waters is more exciting than pleasant. A dog's life is in constant danger from them. They are especially attracted by his yelping, which is said to resemble that of their young upon which the "Old He's" much do love to feed. In some very quiet looking lagoons a few puppy-like whines will bring half a dozen goggle eyes and snouts to the surface.

In giving the game attractions of this country it is usual to mention deer, bears, wild cats, 'possums, etc. Now so far as Eastern Florida is concerned I don't see why not add munks, ground hogs, gophers, grasshoppers to the list. Deer can certainly be killed by enduring mosquitoes, wading bogs, stumbling and swearing through palmetto brush, but the ardent sportsmen who would do this could kill deer in almost any wild place in the United States. As for me I don't care for this sort of sport; while to endure all this and much more of it to get a wild cat is simply absurd. I should say the natives of any place generally know their own sports and game best; and on the keys the 'coon certainly ranks at the head of the list. Next come gophers; after them nothing.

As for mosquitoes and fishing they do not rank here as amusements. They go on all the time like any of the necessary pursuits of life. If Tom Sawyer had lived here he would have cared no more for fishing than the boy cared for a saw, whose father, after working him hard all day, gets off that fine joke about "playing sawing stone wood a while."

I have been putting off for some time in my rambling sort of way, what should be the first subject of any talk about the keys, and that is the question of sailing a small boat. I have seen quite a number of inquiries as to books on this subject, but fortunately there are none. Boat sailing is one of the things that can only be learned from experience. It is not a science but an art, and one could no more sail a boat out of a book, than he could use a saw or plane from the same sort of knowledge. If a little knowledge is a dangerous thing ashore, afloat it is a terrible one. Its possessor being apt to drink deeper, though not the Pierian spring, than the poet intended. If any one is anxious to learn how to sail a boat let him go out with some one who knows, and learn. If he cannot do this then let him stay ashore. With this plain talk I will add a few simple rules to assist his memory after he has learned how to handle his boat.

1. Never make the sheet fast under any circumstances. Accidents are not foreseen. It is the people who take unnecessary pains to guard against what they can foresee—that are "unlucky people." Act upon correct general principles and you are prepared for the unseen and unknowable.

2. In a small boat never try to beat against both tide and wind. Better to go ashore or anchor, and find something to amuse you until a better chance. By keeping under sale you risk accidents and make no headway.

3. Going to a wharf always furl sail and row or push up. In this way you will not bump into anything to your own or another's damage.

4. Remember that the sea is the most treacherous of all things. Old seamen firmly believe it is both cunning and wicked. No man is even safe for one moment under sail.

These are not pretended to be offered to a seaman. They are solely for the tyro who can just manage in a good breeze without capsizing. The seaman needs no books.

A great deal has been said about boats of light draft for use on the Florida coast. Now, I have never been on the west coast and do not speak of that at all, for I know nothing of it; but I have come along the Atlantic side from Key West to the head of Indian river and my boat drew twenty-two inches and came with all ease. The flat-bottomed, unworthy scows brought here by voyagers are not proper for anything like a cruise. They cannot beat like a well-built keel or round-bottomed boat; they cannot venture outside where the real voyager will often wish to go; and, as for draft, why, a man would just as soon wade in two feet of water as six inches. A common whaleboat combines all the elements of cheapness, lightness and safety to a greater degree than any other build. They should be rigged with two leg-o'-mutton sails—the foresail about one-third larger than the mainsail, and with an awning, tent fashion, between the masts and buttoning to the side of the boat. The awning should be painted to be perfectly waterproof. With, say four men and light baggage, this boat should draw eighteen inches, and is safe enough for an Atlantic voyage. Weatherly, as a small boat has any need to be, and light enough for her crew to head her anywhere. This last is quite a recommendation.

It is not generally known, but a voyage along the American coast can be more safely performed in a light boat than even in quite a large schooner. Our coast consists throughout its whole extent of a low, sloping sand beach. With a wind anywhere off shore, generally to the westward of north or south, the sea is quite smooth inshore, and a small boat coasting along just outside the breakers, should there be a shift of wind or the weather threaten, can at any moment be beached without the least danger. The only requisites are a boat light enough for its crew to easily run her up beyond high tide, and a judgment cool enough to know when there is danger and to go ashore and wait for it there.

Leaving Biscayne Bay coming north, the voyager has a choice of several outlets into the Atlantic. The Cape is the best. All are good, and the narrows is five miles further north. Taking a southerly and westwardly wind, there is an easy run of twenty-five miles to New River Inlet. The pilots along the coast give many minute directions for finding this inlet, but I can see no possible chance for a mistake to a person who knows an inlet when he sees it. Keep the beach well aboard until you see the bar, then go in according to the channel, which changes every month or so, and which must be learned from local pilots. This is a lovely place. New River is one of the outlets of the Everglades, but there is a long reach of it separated from the sea by only a narrow strip of sand. Only one family lives there now, and they were ready to leave when I was there. Up and down this river is the finest trolling for jackfish I have ever seen. The shores are high sand bluffs, backed by mangrove swamps and pine lands which sometimes extend to the water. Generally only about 2½ feet can be carried across this bar. There is a life saving station between the Narrows and New river, about five miles north of the former, and one about eight miles above the New river bar, although it is only about a mile from the upper portion of the river.

Hillsboro is about 15 miles above New River. This is said to be a beautiful place also—similar to New River—but I did nor go in there. Above Hillsboro—about 23 miles—is another light ship station, and about 27 miles above this is Jupiter inlet. This is decidedly the most abominable bar on the coast. It is a narrow gorge between two sand drives, and the heavy seas roll in these with a force that is terrific. As a result, it is about as often closed as open. It is about a mile up the river to the light house, the channel up lying close under the northern shore. Indian river offers fine inland navigation for about 150 miles with two remarkable exceptions. These are the narrows, or places where the river becomes narrow and crooked. The first of these commences about 10 miles above Jupiter, and extends for about eight miles. The other begins seven miles above Ft. Capion—which is 45 miles above Jupiter—and is only about two miles through. The greatest difficulty, however, consists of an enormous net-work of oyster bars, which commences about three miles south of Ft. Capion, and extends north about 15 miles. Only 2½ feet can be carried over these, and then with the greatest care, as the shells cut the boat like a knife. One can carry a boat through with care by keeping *close to the western shore all the time.*

Coming north, the country begins to look civilized more, and houses are so frequent as to render sailing directions useless. The river is deep and beautiful, and small crafts can enjoy themselves as they choose. Nearly at the head of the river is the little village of Sand Point, or Louisville. Here, if disposed to vary the monotony of sand beach, fish and claws of sea-fowl, the voyager can have his boat hauled across to a chain of lakes connecting with the St. John's river. It is six miles across to Salt Lake, and 13 to Luffman Lake, the latter being the better, as always having plenty of water. The charges by a Mr. Joyner, at Sand Point, are from $5 to $10, according to size of boat. He is quite reasonable, and very sensibly prefers a business popularity to the present penny.

Once in the Lake you can only be told not to give up all ideas of direction and to *follow the current.* The lakes are simply large sized ponds closely intermarried with reedy marshes, with here and there a palmetto brake living with them as a mother-in-law. It is almost impossible to see above the tall reeds lining the banks, and to look at the compass is simply destruction. My man became frightened for the first time on the trip when he saw how we kept turning off to the southward—apparently straight into the Everglades. The correct channel is hard to find certainly, but by following steamboat tracks or places where they have beat down the grass—and "cockney tracks," or where bloodthirsty and spectacled tourists have shot alligators from the steamboats—one can finally pick his way into Lake Harney, from whose northern shore the St. Johns River flows in a broad beautiful stream toward the northwest. The river leaves the Lake close to the only house there, and the only one visible since Sand Point.

Navigation of the St. Johns up here is of course difficult to sail boats. The overhanging trees deaden the breeze, and the constant turns brings my mind often ahead. I saw more wild fowls in here than I had seen before in the state. They were comparatively gentle besides, and came readily to the caller. Teals were most abundant in April; but in the winter these waters must be fairly alive with all kinds of fowls. The banks of the St. Johns here seemed to consist mostly of a narrow strip of land along the river covered with palmetto and live oak and backed either by wet marshy prairie or swamp. In many places these prairies came down to the river, and extend for miles covered with grass and reeds, and laced with little lakes and pools in every direction—a perfect paradise for snipes and wild fowls—but *cave alligator.*

The voyage is now in the land of steamboats, lies, cocktails and other civilized enjoyments. As you go down stream the boats get faster and more gaudy and fashionable. The houses begin to wear a second story here and there, and sometimes even flaunt a bow window. Even the river seems to feel the fatal influence and swells like a pompous broker with hands in his pockets. Fleas begin to pick up spirits—and lonely woman! An old cuss in Les Miserables says that in his young days, when a flea bit him, he could tell what woman it came from. It would have kept his fancy rater active to have lived here. The fairest fair become pensive here; they like to wander alone. When in a car you see a dreamy-eyed maiden lean up against a window corner in an absent sort of way; it seems profanity to think she is trying to crush the life out of some infernal happy and crawling flea. Alas, such is life!

NO MORE MUZZLE LOADER.—Port Richmond, New York, May 14, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—It is a long time since I had this pleasure of writing you, having been absent from home for sometime and matters with us being at a stand still.

I had my first shooting at ruffed grouse, in the West, last winter, with that prince of good fellows, Wiltbank, of Toledo, Ohio, secretary of the State Association. Although it was right upon the close of the season and the weather extremely cold, still the excitement served to keep us warm. It was then I became thoroughly disgusted with a muzzle loader, as Jack came to a point, and, as I moved ahead, up got Mr. Partridge and let fly and killed; it was about as near as ever I got to one, as with us they are very wild and scarce. There stood Jack just around the root of an old tree, and I called to Wiltbank that he had another bird; when he came over he asked me where he was, and I told him just opposite to him; wait there and I'll walk in. As I started ahead, up went another bird, which by rights was his, but we both fired and down he came in a bunch. Look out, Jack is still pointing; and I began loading up, when up got two birds, one of which we secured. The dog moved ahead and up went two more, Wiltbank getting both, and as he shot, another got up and went off "with flying colors"—in fact, he killed six birds while I was trying to put a load in my gun, and I regretted more than ever that I did not have my Greener along; but I was afraid of the weight, having foolishly had a gun made to weigh nine and a half pounds and ten bore. But I've learned something since then and I now have a twelve guage and seven and a half pounds, which will kill as far and do better work. Bogardus advises a ten bore ten pound, but none for me, and my advice to sportsmen is that, unless they are as strong as an ox, to get a light twelve guage. I have carried my heavy gun around in Virginia for quail and been so tired when I flushed the bird, that I could not secure one out of three, and I did not care much whether I got a shot or not.

The snipe have given us the "go-by" this Spring. I have been out seven or eight times and have only seen two birds, both of which I got. Had quite good sport at Loveland's, at the head of Barnegat Bay, at the red-necks, and one day's fair shooting; but they have made very poor bags there this Spring.

It may interest some of the New York folks, that are out in your section, to learn that there has been excellent broadbill shooting in York bay, at the mouth of the Kill von Kull and in the cove which is known as the Jersey Flats. A friend and myself painted our sneak-boat black and covered her with rock weed, and, after putting out thirty or more stools off a point where they fed, we pushed the boat among some rocks off shore and captured forty-six—New York city in full view and only six miles distant. The next two days it blew from the eastward, and the following day we got twenty-nine and two sprigs, but after that they were shy and would give us a wide berth; we never got over eight or ten again, with the exception of one day, when we sculled on a flock and shot eleven out of it. The severe winter about used up our quail, and we have very few woodcocks.

MORTIMER.

A PÆAN.—Tunica, May 1st, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—The legislative body of earnest spirits under the Nichols' government here at last "done the thing up" for us in a white rag, and fixed a *game law* in the poor old down-trodden "nigger" run state of Louisiana, and now in the midst of my exultation and unrestrained delight I convey to you joyful intelligence.

May I not be permitted to think and feel that my "fur and feather" prayers have been listened to, and that my wailing voice last season, mingling with the enchanting notes of your highly toned organ, struck a sympathetic chord within the breast of some valiant Nimrod and champion of our cause, whose heart has bled o'er and o'er again at the ruthless war waged upon the helpless tenants of the sportman's province, and who nursed a resolution never to look Bob White and Jack Snipe in the face again until a good word and a loud one was said in their behalf?

Have I not cause to rejoice at the reward I'll reap in the harvest of game, which, under the vigilance of the true sportsman, will grow in a little time, brush its wings at the very threshold of our shanties, tickling the nose of a "Sank," a "Brunette" or a "Pigeon," and enticing them to "get up and dust" through the fields of "fame fresh and gory?" Have I not cause to "chuck up my sleeve" at the opportunity I'll have of saying to the highly scented native when I catch his old "long rusty" poking through the fence rails and over the briars at Whistling Bobbie? "Come now, don't do that; let's take a walk, and I'll prove to you the illegality of making a *single* shot with a *double* barrel, and the puzzling fact of "bottom rail on top" again.

I am told, too, we will have a dog tax to pay. Well, I'm short in the breeches as any other fowling piece of humanity and shallow in the "pan" as a mud-clerk, but I'll grub "goobers," sell moss or peddle tickets for a snake show to meet my assessments for the satisfaction of seeing the curs and sheep-killers, which infest this country, come to the "scratch" with their respective two dollar bills.

I have not yet seen the law in full, or any clause in the two mentioned acts of our Legislature, but in due time you will have it. Success to your far-famed and interesting journal, long may every mail bag from the Atlantic to the Pacific, show weekly, its wrapper upon the gilt-edge escritoire of the millionaire, the spreading table of the middleman, and the humble desk of every true sportsman like unto you ink-spiller.

KIT KILLBIRD.

WASHINGTON, May 7, 1877.—"How to camp out," by John M. Gould, is the title of a very truly and useful book, to the merits of which I wish to call the attention of the readers of the CHICAGO FIELD. Now that the season for this sort of thing is at hand, Mr. Gould's work is most opportune, and I should advise all who propose to take a tramp for health, pleasure, or study in natural history, to buy and carefully read this handy treatise. The author has evidently "camped out" and knows how to do in the best manner. He also knows how to impart the information to those in agreeable style, and in a very practical way. I think one may safely and advantageously take him as a guide in the formation of camping parties, on the securing of camp out-fit, and in the multifarious details of camp life. The book is published by Scribner, Armstrong & Co., New York, and is very attractively gotten up.

ELLIOTT COUES.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.—Washington, D. C., May 11, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—The recent heavy rains in this vicinity have spoiled the bass and perch fishing for a time and our anglers are in despair. Some have left this section and gone to Rawley Springs, in Rockingham county, Va., to angle trout. Rawley is a place patronized more extensively by Washingtonians than any other place. It is beautifully situated, has several medicinal springs, fine trout fishing and, in season, affords the best kind of shooting. Rawley is near Harrisburg, and the latter has always been the finest place for quail shooting in the whole state. When other places haven't a bird, Harrisburg vicinity always affords fine shooting. The country is some of the best to hunt over, being more like prairie land than the usual undulating country throughout the state. Woodcocks are also found there in good numbers.

Push ahead the Iowa field trials and let the blues and natives do their best.

Yours, JACK SNIPE.

Georgia Game Law.

AN ACT For the protection of Deer, Partridges and Wild Turkeys, in the counties of Chatham and Bryan, and to make the killing or trapping of the same in said counties a penal offense during certain seasons of the year, and for other purposes. Approved 21st February, 1873; as amended by Act approved 11th of February, 1874.

WHEREAS, a continual wholesale and ill-seasoned destruction of deer, partridges and wild turkeys, by shooting, hunting, trapping, and other means, has threatened to exterminate and utterly destroy the breed and growth of deer, partridges, wild turkeys, and other birds hereinafter described, in the counties of Chatham, Bryan, Clarke, Fulton and DeKalb; and, whereas, the breeding season of deer, partridges, wild turkeys, &c., is between the months of April and October of each year, during which season the killing or trapping thereof is excessively cruel and not productive of good to the people of said counties, or of the State of Georgia, it being conceded by eminent medical experts that the flesh of deer, partridges, wild turkeys, &c., when obtained by trapping, or when killed during the treading season is, for sanitary reasons, improper as an article of food. Therefore—

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the shooting, killing, trapping, or destruction of any deer, partridge, wild turkey, wild duck, mocking bird, dove, red bird, nonpareil, or any insectiverous bird, between the first day of the month of April and the first day of the month of October of any year, shall be held and determined a misdemeanor, and shall be punishable by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months, at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 2. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the fact of being in possession of any such bird or animal, or exposing the same for sale, shall be held as *prima facie* proof of the fact of killing or trapping by the person having possession thereof.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the trapping of any such animal or bird at any season of the year, whether by the use of traps, snares, or any other means whatsoever, shall be illegal, and punished as prescribed in section first of this Act.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the trapping or shooting, killing, or destruction of any mocking bird, red bird, nonpareil, or any insectiverous bird or birds of any kind, at any season of the year, shall be punished as provided in section first of this act.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

L. CARRINGTON, Clerk House of Rep. — A. O. BACON, Speaker House of Rep.
C. J. WELLBORN, Secretary of Senate. — L. N. TRAMMELL, President of the Senate.
Approved February 11, 1874.

JAMES M. SMITH, Governor.

AN ACT to alter, amend and add to an act for the protection of deer, partridges and wild turkeys in the counties of Chatham and Bryan, and to apply the provisions of said act to the counties of Clarke, Fulton and DeKalb, and to make the killing or trapping of the same in said counties during certain seasons of the year a penal offense, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia that, from and after the passage of this act, the following shall be designated section 2 of the act hereby amended, and added to said act, viz.: The fact of being in possession of any such bird or animal, or exposing the same for sale, shall be held as *prima facie* proof of the fact of killing or trapping by the person having possession thereof.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the following be designated section 3 of the act hereby amended, and be added thereto, viz.: The trapping of any such bird or animal at any season of the year, whether by the use of traps, snares, or any other means whatsoever, shall be illegal, and punished as described in section 1.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said act hereby amended be further amended by adding, after the words "deer, partridges and wild turkeys" wherever the same occurs in same act, whether in the caption or body thereof, the words "wild ducks, mocking birds, doves, red birds, nonpareils," or any insectiverous birds.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the trapping or shooting, killing, or destruction of, any mocking bird, red bird, nonpareil, or any insectiverous bird or birds of any kind, at any season of the year, shall be punished, as provided in section 1 of the act hereby amended.

SEC. 5. Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the provisions of the original act hereby amended, as well as these amendments, are hereby made to apply to the counties of Clarke, Fulton and DeKalb, provided that so much of this amendatory act as prohibits the trapping of birds in the winter months, that is between the 1st day of October and the 1st day of April next thereafter, shall not apply to the counties of Clarke, Fulton and DeKalb.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

L. CARRINGTON, Cl'k House of Representatives. — A. O. BACON, Speaker House of Representatives.
C. J. WELLBORN, Secretary of State. — L. N. TRAMMELL, President of the Senate.
Approved Feb 11, 1874. — JAMES H. SMITH, Governor.

Illinois Game Law.

SPTINGFIELD, ILL., May 11, 1877.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—I enclose you a copy of amendments to game laws just passed by both Houses, and now only needs the Governor's signature to become law. The amendments are in the highest degree practical so far as I can see. We found it wholly impracticable to pass or even agree in committee upon the voluminous bill prepared by the State Association. No one has any idea of the opposition such measures meet from Southern Illinois.

We have passed two excellent fish bills through the House which now await the action of the Senate, one to protect and one to establish commission.

Believe me that the sportsmen in our General Assembly have had an eye single to the proper protection of game, and have measurably succeeded. The game law as now existing, with the enclosed amendments, only need enforcing to answer any purpose. I am sorry Greene Smith cannot ship game out of the state after it goes into effect.

It is a pity that a sovereign state should throw any obstacle in the way of private game. I am inclined to think, however, that the provision was aimed at resident pot-hunters, and only includes him incidentally.

Yours &c.,
L. B. CROOKER, *Rep. 17th Dist.*

A BILL

For an Act to amend an act entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the several acts relating to the protection of game, and for the protection of deer, wild fowl and birds, and to repeal certain laws," approved May 3, 1873. in force July 1, 1873.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That sections one (1) and six (6) of an act entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the several acts relating to the protection of game, and for the protection of deer, wild fowl and birds, and to repeal certain laws," approved May 3, 1873, and in force July 1, 1873, to be amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to hunt or pursue, kill or trap, net or ensnare, destroy, or attempt to kill, trap, net, ensnare or otherwise destroy any prairie hen or chicken, or any woodcock, between the fifteenth day of January and the first day of September in each and every year; or any deer, fawn, wild turkey, ruffed grouse (commonly called partridge) or pheasant, between the first day of February and the first day of October in each and every year; or any quail between the first day of February and the first day of November in each and every year; or any wild goose, duck, snipe, brant or other water fowl, between the first day of May and the fifteenth day of August in each and every year. *Provided*, That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to net any quail at any time after this act shall take effect and be in force; and, *provided further*, That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons who is or are non-residents of this state, to kill, ensnare, net or trap any deer, fawn, wild turkey, prairie hen or chicken, ruffed grouse, quail woodcock, wild goose, wild duck or brant, or any snipe, in any county of this state, at any time, for the purpose of selling or marketing or removing the same outside of this state. Every person who violates any of the provisions of this section shall, for each and every offense, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than five dollars ($5) nor more than twenty-five dollars ($25) and costs of suit for each and every separate bird or animal of the above enumerated list, so unlawfully hunted or pursued, killed, trapped, netted, ensnared or destroyed, or attempted to be killed, trapped, netted, ensnared or otherwise destroyed, and shall stand committed to the county jail until such fine and costs are paid, but such imprisonment shall not exceed ten days."

SEC. 6. No person or persons shall sell or expose for sale, or have in his or their possession, for the furpose of selling or exposing for sale, any of the animals, wild fowls, or birds mentioned in section one of this act, after the expiration of five days next succeeding the first day of the period in which it shall be unlawful to kill, trap, net or ensnare such animals, wild fowls or birds. And any person so offending shall, on conviction, be fined and dealt with as specified in section one of this act."

P. S.—Amended so as to protect taxadermists. L. B. C.

SPORTSMEN'S MEETING.—Omaha, Neb., May 15, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—The regular annual meeting of the Field Sportsmen's Club was held last evening for the purpose of electing officers to serve during the ensuing year; no other business of importance was transacted, except that it was decided to challenge the Fremont Club to a friendly shoot at the trap, to take place at a n early date, provided they accept (which under the circumstances is hardly probable, from the fact that they have already been beaten twice by the Fields). Also five delegates were chosen to attend the annual convention of the State Sportsmen's Association at Plattsmouth May 22d. The election resulted as follows: President, J. J. Hardin; Vice President, Geo. Ketcham; Secretary, F. B. Lowe; Treasurer, Wm. King; Board of Managers, G. Windheim, Edwin Bond, R. Berlin.

F. B. L.

NEW YORK STATE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION.—At an informal meeting of a few members of this association, held at the Vanderbilt House, on May 11th, the conclusion as to the date of the coming State shoot could not be reached, on account of the impossibility at present of procuring birds.

Mr. Charles Lincoln, who is to superintend the bench show of dogs, will meet the committee on birds on his arrival in town next Thursday, when definite information concerning the date of the convention will be made public.

DO THEY EAT THEM?—Vail, Iowa, May 15, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—The prairie chickens, prairie pigeons, and other birds have about cleaned out our grasshoppers, at least they seem very scarce, and no damage done yet, and our small grain never looked better. Have been on a trip through Ida and Sac counties, and the chicken prospect is immense; prairies all burned.

J. W. S.

Fish.

SHAD—In your issue of May 5th, a correspondent who signs himself "Ky" asks for information as to the propriety of stocking western rivers with shad, basing his doubt of it upon the fact that young shad were put in the east branch of White river (near Columbus, Ind.?) in the summer of 1875, and have not since been found after "searching inquiry." There are several reasons for this, anyone of which may be sufficient; one is, that should a fair proportion of that 75,000 live and return to spawn they might not find a proper place, as the shad are very particular concerning this point, their eggs require current sufficient to prevent them from sinking, and not enough to be carried too far—they usually seek an eddy where they are liable to be carried around and around, and this might be a hundred miles above or below the place of deposit, and when on the way to spawn they do not linger long.

Again, the shad live at sea and only seek the fresh waters to spawn, after the manner of all anadromous fishes, and on a river of the length of the Mississippi it is possible that a gravid fish might become ripe and be seized with a desire to deposit her burden before reaching that distant point; although it is reported that Chinese shad go two thousand miles up the Yang-tse-kiang for spawning purposes, and in the opinion of fish culturists generally, I believe, it is considered well worth the trial to stock the great "Father of Waters." I have personally deposited many shad in tributaries of the Mississippi, under direction of Prof. Baird, U. S. Commission on Fish and Fisheries, and have been anxiously awaiting the results.

I have found that the people of the town nearest the place of deposit always supposed it done for their especial benefit, and was even asked once in Iowa, to take my fish half a mile further in order to have them return to the petitioners house.

The commissioner has somewhat broader views than "Ky," and if these shad should be caught below the two dams mentioned, or anywhere in Indiana, he will regard it a success.

Another cause for their non-appearance is the fact that in two or three months after the shad were put in, they went down stream and as they increased in size sought deeper and wider waters, until they reached the sea, where they will remain until three years old, or until the Spring of 1878, when they will, if alive, seek spawning grounds. Therefore they are not due for a year yet, though the males often go up at two years old; so that it is too early by a twelvemonth to judge of the success of this experi-

ment, and even then, as explained above, they may not come all the way up to the exact point of deposit, and should not be caught and killed, but be allowed to increase, for the shad of the Atlantic coast furnish employment for thousands for three months each year, and food for millions. FRED MATHER.

THE SEA-SIDE AQUARIUM.—Messrs. Coup and Reiche, the proprietors of the New York Aquarium, are now building an aquarium and menagerie with the above title, on the beach at Coney Island, a favorite Summer resort within an hour's ride of New York. The water is to be pumped directly from the ocean through 1,200 feet of pipe. It will also have a fresh water department supplied by enormous cisterns filled from the roof. The building is a hollow square 150 by 200 feet, the interior covered by an elegant striped tent, under which the whale, seal and sea-lion tanks are placed. It will be ready to open about the first of June with a full stock of animals, marine and fluiatile fishes, and will be under the charge of Mr. Fred Mather.

MINNESOTA FISH INTEREST.—The State Fish Commissioners have recently placed California salmon as follows: Six thousand in the lakes of Rice county, 10,000 in Lake Minnetonka, 10,000 in Prior Lake (Scott county), 10,000 in Lakes Hanska (Brown County) and Heron (Jackson county), 3,000 in the small lakes near Minneapolis and St. Paul; also 7,500 land-locked salmon in White Bear Lake. The commissioners have now started the Red Wing breeding establishment upon black bass, natural habitants of our lakes, but almost fished out.

CURIOUS CAPTURE.—Privious to the present excessive warm weather, the sturgeon fishing on the lake shore between this city and South Chicago was very good; one huge fish took the bait, and by his struggles broke loose from the hook to find himself firmly held by a neat two half hitches which he had noosed over his tail in the struggle. He weighed ninety-seven pounds.

SMALL FRY.—On Sunday last the guests of the Clifton House, this city, dined off a monster trout from Mackinaw. We measured it when stiff and stark on the ice to be three feet two inches, and it put down twenty-seven pounds, and clean at that.

A BIG FISH.—Mr. Eddie Masters, the famous and well-known fisherman along the Kentucky River, caught at the mouth of Tates Creek, near Lexington, Ky., a week or two ago, a cat fish that weighed 42½ pounds.

LOTS.—Our correspondent, writing from West Union, Ia., says: "Turkey River is alive with bass and pickerel, but our fish club are strict in the enforcement of the fish law; so they are safe until after June 1st."

Trap Shooting.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 5, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—Enclosed I send a report of our initiatory shoot at glass balls, which was attended by a goodly number of spectators, and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

PROVIDENCE BASE BULL GROUNDS, Thursday, May 3.—Shooting match for a free purse of $20, each shooter to fire at fifteen single glass balls, sprung from three traps placed ten yards apart, eighteen yards rise, and not to know which trap is to be sprung; $10 to first, $6 to second, $4 to third.

E. Pratt	00011 01101 11010— 8
F. Burbank	11110 01111 00011—10
G. Anthony	01100 10011 00111— 8
L. Bennett	11111 10111 11101—13
W. Herbert	01001 11001 11111—10
J. B. Peck	10101 11101 10011—10
W. Smith	01110 11111 11011—12
E. W. Tinker	11101 00110 100 — 7
C. F. Babcock	11100 11011 11000— 9
E. W. Babcook	00111 01001 00101— 7
C. Yale	00000 00001 00000— 1
A. Tinker	00001 00101 00000— 3
Wm. Tallman	11111 10011 10000— 9
H. G. Place	11000 11001 01001— 7
W. Harris	01001 00000 10100— 4
F. E. Carpenter	00101 01010 01111— 8
John Smith	00011 11110 01110— 9
Wm. Crandall	10111 00001 11111—10
George Crandall	11100 11101 10111—11
G. Crandall, Jr.	11001 10111 10011—10

L. Bennett was awarded the first prize, making 13 out of a possible 15; W. Smith second, scoring 12 out of a possible 15; and George Crandall third, scattering 11 out of a possible 15 balls.

The second match was for a sweepstake, and there were seven entries. This contest was far more difficult than the first, from the fact that two balls were thrown in the air simultaneously, and the marksman must be ready to sight both, and shatter them before reaching the ground. E. W. Tinker proved to be superior in this match, as the following score will show:

SAME DAY AND PLACE.—Sweepstakes match, each shooter to fire at five pairs of glass balls, sprung simultaneously from two traps placed ten yards apart, sixteen yards rise:

E. W. Tinker	10 10 11 11 10—7	W. Herbert	10 00 10 11 10—5
L. Bennett	01 11 00 10 11—6	Geo. Anthony	00 11 00 10 00—4
Wm. Crandall	00 11 10 11 10—6	Wm. Tompkins	00 10 00 00 00—1
J. Kendrick	01 00 01 11 01—5		

E. P.

LEXINGTON, MO., May 7, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—Enclosed you will find score of our first shoot at Captain Bogardus glass balls:

REGULAR MONTHLY CLUB SHOOT.

E. F. Nicholson	00010 10110—4	J. W. Bedford	11000 00110—4
E. B. McKee	00111 11111—8	H. W. Winsor	00000 11000—2
J. R. Davis	10000 11101—5	Geo. Withers	01010 00111 5
Wm. B. Hamlett	11111 11101—9	A. J. Hall	00001 00000—1
S. E. Ingram	11011 11001—7	W. H. Bennett	01001 10001—4
H. Turner	00010 10010—3	Jacob Apple	00000 00011—2
Frank Tutt	10001 11010—5	Dr. G. W. Young	00000 00110—2
Geo. Schofield	10111 00001—5	T. D. Saunders	00110 10110—5

FIRST OUTSIDE MATCH.

Geo. Withers	00001—1	W. B. Hamlett	01000—1
W. H. Bennett	00100—1	J. W. Bedford	00001—1
J. R. Davis	10010—2	John Reid	00110—2
Frank Trigg	11111—5	Dr. G. W. Young	10010—2
E. F. Nicholson	01111—4	T. D. Saunders	11100—3
C. Barnett	00110—2	S. E. Ingram	11101—4
E. B. McKee	00110—2	Jacob Apple	00101—2
H. W. Winsor	00000—0	Geo. Schofield	01100—2

SECOND OUTSIDE MATCH.

W. H. Bennett	10000—1	H. W. Winsor	01001—2
J. R. Davis	01000—1	W. B. Hamlett	11001—3
E. F. Nicholson	01011—3	S. E. Ingram	00010—1
C. Barnett	00100—1	Geo. Schofield	11110—4
E. B. McKee	10000—1	T. D. Saunders	01000—1

GLASS BALL MATCH.—Wallingford, Conn., April 27, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—The following is the score of a match held here at Morse's Trotting Park, Friday, April 27, 1877.

Thomas	00000 01001 00010 10011 0— 6
Strong	10100 10001 00100 00000 0— 5
Collins	00010 00000 00011 10100 0— 5
Culver	10000 11001 10000 00000 0— 5
Lane	00000 00000 10000 00010 0— 2
Hall	10000 00000 11001 11101 1— 9
Brogden	11000 11001 11011 01111 0—13
Bristol	10101 00010 01111 10100 0—10

Bogardus glass balls and trap were used: 18 yards rise, 21 shots each. Seven drivers and seven each quartering right and left; 1 and 1¼ ozs. of any size shot by Dixon's measure; using Bogardus' rules for glass ball trap shooting. The first seven were quartering left, the next drivers, then right quartering. The boys were in good humor and they promise to make it hot for the glass balls at the next shoot. This is the first time they ever shot at this kind of a trap, but they can show you some extra good scores at Gyro shooting. CAPT. NEMO.

PIGEON POPPING.—The second quarterly shoot of the Virginia Shooting Club, Virginia City, Nevada, took place on April 29, with the following results:

S. D. Jackson	11111 11111 11—12	Geo. Kreutzer	011*1 01011 01— 7
Thos. Diamond	1111* 11111 11—11	Ed. Harris	11**1 11110 10— 8
Ernest Harris	11*11 *111* 11— 9	McCauley	10111 10111 11—10
B. Robinson	11111 11111 *1—11	Shoeneman	10111 01110 11— 9
E. A. Schultz	10110 11111 00— 8	Geo. Daly	01*11 11111 *1— 9
Geo. Bryson	11110 011*1 10— 8	J. S. Kaneen	11011 10100 11— 8
Wm. Dormer	11110 11010 01— 8	H. G. Parker	01111 11000 11— 8
James Conroy	1110* 10101 11— 8		

* Dead out bounds.

As will be seen from the foregoing, S. D. Jackson carried off the prize and medal. The shooting showed a marked average improvement over that of the earlier meeting. Diamond and Robinson were a tie for the second position. They shot off at twenty-six yards, each killing five birds. They subsequently shot at five birds, thirty-one yards, Robinson winning by a score of four to three.

Messrs. Schultz and Kaneen then shot at five birds each, thirty yards, with the following result:

Schultz	11*10— 3	Kaneen	01011— 3

There being a tie, a freeze-out followed, which resulted in favor of Mr. Kaneen.

A handicap match followed for $40, as follows:

Schultz, 25 yds	10000—1	Dormer, 21 yds	1011w
Conroy, 21 yds	11010—3	McCauley, 25 yds	1101w
Robinson, 27 yds	11111—1	Diamond, 27 yds	1101w
Kreutzer, 21 yds	10110—3	Daly, 27 yds	1001w

I do not trap-shoot any more; it is too costive. Birds cost $6 per dozen. PERK.

QUINCY, May 8, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—Inclosed please find score of shoot that came off to-day at our regular shooting grounds between A. Farrar and E. Engle at 25 birds each, for the cost of birds and $25 a side; a large crowd of people witnessed the shoot; the day was fine and birds good. Engle is somewhat of a trap shot, but struck an off day. Farrar never shot but three or four times at the trap before. Last Fall he shot a 25 bird match with H. Crawford, making the same score as to-day, but unfortunately for him Crawford made a clean score. To-day's score is as follows:

A. Farrar	11111 01111 11111 11101 11110—22
E. Engle	10010 11111 01001 11010 10111—16

QUINCY, ILL., May 10th, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—Yesterday a match of ten birds each was shot at our regular grounds between H. Crawford and Pipeno for the birds and small consideration, with the following result:

H. Crawford	11111 11111—10	Pipeno	10110 11100—6

The president of our Quincy Shooting Club has just got out of a bed of sickness, so some of the boys thought it a good time to go for him. E. Engle gave him a challenge to shoot at twenty birds each, Engle to shoot at twenty-one yards rise and Hauworth to stand at twenty-six yards rise. H. accepted the challenge as soon as offered and the match came off at the same time as the above one; the following is the score:

Hauworth	11101 11111 01111 01*01—15
Engle	11110 11111 01001 11001—14

POINTER.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., May 8th.—The Kinnikinnick Club had a glass ball shoot. The trap used was an ingenious and indescribable invention—a combination of rubber strings, screws and clapboards—which would put to shame the efforts of Tice, of "Tice-meter" fame; yet it answered the purpose exceedingly well, throwing the balls swiftly in different directions some sixty feet. Truly the board of managers, whose inventive brains produced this slinging engine, deserve an enameled leather medal of extra thickness, as a reward of merit. This was the first attempt of any of the club at smashing glass balls, and considering this fact, they did well; some of them took to the work as naturally as a duck to the water. Following is the score at 21 yards rise:

J. C. Welles	11111 11110 00101 11010—14
H. T. Drake	11111 11110 11111 11111—19
C. Turner	00100 10110 10111 01101—11
S. J. Williams	11111 10111 11101 11101—17
D. D. French	01000 11111 11000 10110—11
C. A. Williams	00111 11111 11110 11111—17
S. Murray	10110 10011 01101 01111—13

BLUE JAY.

DETROIT, Mich., May 9.—The shoot for the medal was held to-day; eleven birds. English rules, thirty yards rise, eighty yards boundary. The shoot came off at Hurlingham Park.

J. E. Long	01110 01010 0—5	J. V. D. Eldridge	10111 11111 0—9
Cook Cousins	11010 11111 1—9	D. C. Sanborn	11010 01010 1—6
E. H. Gillman	01111 11110 1—9	M. K. Cristy	10100 10011 1—6
E. C. Nichols	10110 00001 0—4		

Ties on 9—

Cousins	11111—5	Eldridge	11010—4
Gillman	100w—1		

Cousins wins.

In the first sweep at twenty-six yards, miss and out, Gillman and Eldridge divided, beating Long, Cristy, Nichols and Sanborn. In the second sweep, Cristy and Sanborn divided on five straight, beating Eldridge, Gillman, Long, Cousins and Nichols. In the third sweep, Long and Cristy divided on seven straight, beating the lot as above. Fourth sweep, Cristy and Eldridge divided, beating Gillman and Long, and in the last, the last two turned the tables on the first couple

JONES.

MISSOURI VALLEY, IOWA, May 8, 1877.—Match for Missouri Valley Sportsmen's Badge; 10 single rises each, Missouri Valley Club rules to govern. H. C. Champlin, referee; Dr. Chapman, scorer; W. A. Ellis, Dr. J. Chapman, Judges. Tame pigeons; day warm and hazy with very little breeze.

C. A. Walker, Missouri Valley, Ia.	11111 11111—10
E. F. James, Missouri Valley, Ia.	11101 11111— 9
W. Smith, Cal. Junction, Ia.	11010 10111— 7
S. Altschuler, Missouri Valley, Ia.	00100 01111— 5

Plunge trap, 21 yds rise, 80 yds boundary.

Mr. E. F. James, the former holder of the badge, now surrenders the same to Mr. Walker. In this shoot the shooters were handicapped as follows: James and Smith one shot at each bird, Walker was allowed two shots at every other bird, but only used his second barrel once, Altschuler allowed two shots at each bird, but A. says his second barrel is of no account for it "no kill de birds." The shoot passed off quite pleasantly and was witnessed by quite a number of our citizens.

Yours truly, WING SHOT.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL., May 8, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—Find inclosed score of medal shoot on club grounds yesterday afternoon. Conditions of match—six single and three pairs, usual rules to govern. The contestants were six in number; birds tame; eight out of ten of them were strong drivers, hence a poor score.

Conley	010*11	00 11 11— 7
Monroe	110101	11 11 11—10
Britton	111111	01 00 11— 9
Scott	111011	11 11 10—10
Kiler	111011	11 00 11— 9
Huff	11*111	10 10 11— 9

Ties on ten, two double rises:

Monroe	00—0	Scott	11 10—3

B.

VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA, May 5, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—The Virginia Shooting Club to-day had a match at 10 birds each, 26 yds rise. Very windy, and poor birds. Referee, Mr. Halsey; judges, Messrs. Dillon and Loynahan. The following is the score:

D. J. Jackson	10001 11110—6	G. Kritzer	00011 11101—6
H. Shonemann	10000 10111—5	T. Diamond	11011 01111—8
B. Robinson	11111 11110—9	W. Dormer	01101 11111—8
J. L. Conroy	11100 01111—7	G. Bryson	10001 10011—5
H. Parker	10111 11101—8	J. McCauley	01111 11111—9
J. S. Kaneen	00111 10111—7	Geo. Daly	00111 11110—7

Messrs. McCauley and Robinson having tied, will shoot off at double birds another day. BENJ. ROBINSON, Sec'y V. S. Club.

"WHITS" PROPOSED CHANGE IN RISE.—West Meriden, Conn., May 7, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—I saw the above heading of a letter published in your paper under date of April 15, 1877, which, I think, demands the attention of all sportsmen in regard to a change in rise. It would be a good test of both guns and men, and help make them quicker and better shots for the field. I don't see why a change cannot be made as Whit proposes. Whit has framed my picture for me before I was ready, but as he has set the ball a rolling I would like to hear from others on the subject who have had more experience than I. Hoping that the ball will roll, I remain, Yours truly,

CAPT. NEMO.

ONE AND ALL.—At the tournament at Avoca, Iowa, from May 22 to 25 inclusive, there will be trap shooting contests open to amateurs only, consisting of class and club shooting at pigeons and Bogardus glass balls. Plenty of pigeons and liberal prizes. All matches governed by rules of Avoca Shooting Club. All parties proposing to attend the tournament are requested to correspond with the secretary, so that arrangements may be made for their accommodation. W. A. BOOTS, Secretary.

Rifle.

New York vs. Brooklyn.

The long range match between a team of six representing New York and vicinity and of an equal number from Brooklyn and neighborhood came off May 12th at Creedmoor. The New Yorkers, although they had among them four gentlemen who formed the stronger half of the famous American team that reaped such laurels both in Ireland and in America, suffered a crushing defeat. There was no prize at stake. The conditions of the match were distances 800, 900 and 1,000 yards, fifteen rounds and two sighting shots at each range; weapon, any rifle within the rules of the National Rifle Association; position, any without an artificial rest. The weather was delightful throughout and the shooting of the Brooklyn men particularly fine. On the first round they led the New Yorkers nine points, and steadily continued to add to this gain until the close of the match.

The shooting of Mr. Blydenburgh, who heads the winning team on a score of 202 out of a possible 225 points, is excellent at the first two distances. The team total of Brooklyn is 1,186, and of New York 1,094, out of a possible 1,350 points.

BROOKLYN TEAM.

	Yards. 800.	Yards. 900.	Yards. 1,000.	Total.
C. E. Blydenburgh	72	70	60	202
Major H. S. Jewell	69	72	58	199
I. L. Allen	71	67	60	198
L. Weber	68	67	62	197
R. Rathbone	72	65	59	196
Gen. T. S. Dakin	70	65	59	194
Team total				1,186

NEW YORK TEAM.

	Yards. 800.	Yards. 900.	Yards. 1,000.	Total.
Capt. R. C. Coleman	70	63	59	192
Col. John Bodine	73	60	57	190
L. C. Bruce	65	63	56	184
Lieut. Col. E. H. Sanford	65	66	53	184
Major Henry Fulton	63	66	48	177
Col. H. A. Gildersleeve	52	63	52	167
Team total				1,094

AT CREEDMOOR.—The delightful weather on May 8 afforded the members of the Amateur Rifle Club a fine opportunity to shoot their fourth competition for places on the teams. There were nine entries, all of whom finished their regular scores of fifteen rounds at 800, 900 and 1,000 yards. The light was good, although the day was cloudy. The wind, which blew gently down the ranges in a direction nearly parallel to the line of fire, favored good work. Mr. H. Stuart took the honors for the second time on a splendid score of 205 points out of a possible 225 points, his former achievement being 197.

	800 yds.	900 yds.	1000 yds.	Total
H. Stuart	72	66	67	205
Isaac L. Allen	74	63	62	199
Homer Fisher	48	73	59	180
J. P. Waters	66	60	48	174
William Hayes	69	58	47	174
E. H. Madison	60	60	41	161
Captain A. Anderson	59	48	42	149
M. L. Gilbert	43	57	47	147
A. J. Hennion	53	34	59	146

The following are the averages which were made by the eight best men in the first three competitions:

Gen'l T. S. Dakin	192	Major H. S. Jewell	191⅓
T. E. Lamb	191	Homer Fisher	183⅓
William Hayes	181¼	I. L. Allen	176
L. Weber	174⅔	A. Anderson	168⅓

This shows a pretty good average team total of 1,450 points.

NORTHWESTERN RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—This association met at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, on May 15. There was not that exhibition of interest that we should have desired to see, but those clubs that were represented did, by their delegates, carry certain matters through with commendable energy. The first proposition to popularize the sport was to hold regular meetings at the various ranges of each affiliated club on the second Wednesday of each month, commencing June 13th. It was then decided that about the 1st of October there should be a general meeting for prizes, the chief of which is to be the banner for the team championship of the association. We hope to see more life in the Northwest, and to soon record scores worthy of the marksmen that are among us.

COMING TO A HEAD.—There is now a good prospect of a match between Milwaukee and Chicago over the long ranges. Let us hope the Milwaukee club will give the Dearborn club such a rattling that they will do more practice than at present.

Athletics.

New York Athletic Club.

NEW YORK, May 13th.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—On Saturday, May 10, the New York Athletic club opened the season at Mott Haven, with some handicap sports with fair sport and performances. The one hundred yards was run in heats.

First Heat—F. C. Saportas, New York, scratch, 1; W. I. K. Kendrick, 18 feet, 2; J. Duff, Dauntless, 33 feet, 3; John Toole, 30 feet, 4. Won by 6 feet. Time, 11 seconds.

Second Heat—R. L. Lamontague, scratch, 1; E. J. Crozier, New York, 30 feet, 2; O. L. Richards, 15 feet, 3; J. H. Ferguson, 19 feet, 4; Lamontague caught Crozier 20 yards from home, and making the pace very hot won by a yard; less than a foot between second and third. Time, 10¼ seconds.

Third Heat—E. C. Lamontague, N. Y., A. C. 3 feet, 1; Solomon, N. Y. A. C. 25 feet; A. L. Skinner, Yonkers Lyceum, 30 feet. Won by 3 feet in 11¼ seconds.

Fourth Heat—W. C. Hamilton, H. A. C., 30 feet, 1; William Erving, Y. L. 10 feet, 2. Won easily by 6 yards. Time, 11¼ seconds.

In the second round, Saportas (1), R. Lamontague (2), Crozier (3), Kendrick (4), Saportas, running with great resolution, won in the last few strides by half a foot. One foot between second and third, Lamontague spiked his foot. Second heat, Hamilton, Solomon, Skinner, Erving; won easily. Final heat, Saportas (1), Lamontague (2), Hamilton (3), Solomon (4). Owing to Lamontague's spiked foot, Saportas won, after a desperate race, by about 6 inches, some ditance between second and third.

Half-Mile Run—James A. Miller, New York, 34 yards, 1; W. J. Duffy H. A. C., scratch, 2; C. H. Rowland, Y. L., 35 yards, 3; W. C. Connor, Y. M. C. A., 35 yards, 4; A. M. Holbrook, New York, 35 yards, 0; Wm. Erving Y. L., 30 yards, 0; E. C. Lamontague, N. Y. A. C., scratch, 0. Conner and Miller made good use of their lead, and, running briskly, they showed the way past the stand, when Miller slipped his companion, and, do all his opponents could, won with a trifle in hand by 4 yards 5 feet between second and third; the rest beaten off. Time, 2 mins., 11 seconds.

One Mile Walk.—E. Koester, H. A. C., 70 seconds, 1; F. H. Armstrong, H. A. C., 60 seconds, 2; F. J. Mott, H. A. C., 60 seconds, 3; J. F. Oakley, C. B. C., 60 seconds, 4; R. H. Sayre, New York, 40 seconds, 5; Dan M. Stern, N. Y. A. C., scratch, 6; E. C. Holske, H. A. C., 10 seconds, 0; J. A. Byrne, Y. A. C., 30 seconds, 0; Charles M. Shaw, Y. A. C., 40 seconds, 0; F. F. Dole, Y. A. C., 50 seconds, 0; Fred Weazel, Newark, N. J., 60 seconds, 0; W. J. Rowland, Y. L., 70 seconds, 0; Wm. Van Riper, New York, 90 seconds, 0; S. P. Wiley, Astoria, L. I., 90 seconds, 0. After the first lap, Koester cut down the limit men, and then, holding the lead throughout, finished well in front. Time, 7 minutes 50 seconds; Armstrong's time 8 minutes 8 seconds, and Mott's 8 minutes 25 seconds. Stern was not in very fair form, and it seemed to disinterested persons that his style is becoming more and more open to criticism.

For the 220 yards Club Championship, Merritt only, of the five entries, appeared, and ran over the course, accompanied by Duffy of the H. A. C., in fast time. SPARROW.

A GYMNASIUM.—John Ennis, who has long tried to get on an honest match for money against any and all of the army of humbugs who flaunt records and defraud country folk, has given up the vain pursuit of a square match in disgust, and will open next week in this city an excellent gymnasium. It will be a long way the best west of New York, and his efforts will deserve the support of every man and boy who wishes to keep his body in a good healthy condition. The hall is a large one, and will contain, beside all modern gymnastic appliances, a paper track, and plunge bath for those who desire a refreshening after their exertions. We commend Mr. Ennis' enterprise not only to our best class of citizens, but to our lady friends. In England, France and Germany ladies classes are popular, and they should be here. Mr. Ennis can obtain a lower hall for their exclusive benefit. The terms are very reasonable, being $3 a quarter; any gentleman wishing to join should send in his name to 266 and 268 Wabash avenue.

Kennel.

Field Trial Notes—Demuth's Dogs.

CORNING, IA., May 12, 1877.

Editor Chicago Field:—Our wonderful variety of weather still continues, a few hours of sunshine and warmth followed by days and nights of cold, wet, dreary weather. The farmers console themselves with the belief that the grasshoppers can't stand it, but I am firmly resolved in my own mind that the sudden changes from cold to warm, and wet to dry, and *vice versa*, will have more effect upon the farmers than the grasshoppers, and that the former will succumb first. I left home about ten days since to visit the fields of Hampton, but, on arriving at Ackley, I was treated to thirty-six hours of almost steady rain, and, when a break in the clouds occurred, I was unable to persuade a livery man in the town to drive me to Geo. Waddington's—about eight miles—they one and all asserting that the roads were bottomless, and that it would be useless to undertake the trip. My time being up, the visit had to be relinquished. I was fortunate, however, in being able to spend a few hours with C. F. Demuth, at Fort Dodge, and from him gathered much information relative to the nature of the ground where it is proposed to hold the trial. Franklin county is nearly all gently rolling prairie land, and the large proportion of the crops consist of small grain, mostly wheat.

The farmers complete the cutting and stacking of their grain by the 20th of August, and, from that time until late in the season, the chickens are found from early morn to ten in the forenoon, and from 3 P. M. to dark, in the freshly cut stubble. In the middle of the day they lie in the prairie grass, either upon the points of the knolls or along the sloughs, according to the weather.

One thing may considered as certain that, if Franklin county is selected, we shall have a fine open country, and *plenty* of game. It is the universal statement that chickens were never so plenty in that county as this spring. Water is abundant and fishing excellent in the many beautiful lakes in which northern Iowa abounds.

Quite a number of the sportsmen of this section will start out in parties of from two to six, when the open season commences, August 15, and hunt the road through to Hampton, providing themselves with all the necessaries for camping out. I cannot imagine a pleasanter trip.

No lover of the dog should pass through Fort Dodge without visiting Demuth's kennel, for they will not only see some canine beauties, but make the acquaintance of an honest, open-hearted gentleman, for such is its owner. In response to a telegram, he met me at the depot, and in a short time we were introduced to Kate with her six little beauties sired by Adams' Rock, and Gypsey with three, owing their paternity to Knox's Belton. While these puppies were all looking well, yet the Pearl of the kennel, in my eyes, was a five weeks' old Rock—Pickles' bitch pup. A fifty dollar greenback proved no inducement to Demuth to part with the little one, he merely shaking his head and announcing his intention of keeping her for his own use and profit. My only regret in connection with this visit, was the necessity of limiting it to between three and four hours, but that time sufficed to get acquainted with Paddy, one of Whitman's Irish water spaniels, who, like all the rest of the breed, is never happy unless he is "fetching" something. The expression of that dog's countenance when he comes to you bringing a stick, a stone, or anything else he can get in his mouth, asking you to throw it for him, is something that must be seen to be appreciated. I notice among your Kennel ads, that of J. O. Watts, of Osceola, Iowa. I am acquainted with Mr. Watts and his style and mode of breaking, and can assure any of the readers of the CHICAGO FIELD who may have dogs to "break," that if entrusted to this gentleman's care, their dogs will be returned to them thoroughly educated in everything pertaining to work in the field, and they will not be so broken in spirit by the process as to be no longer companions for their owner. Mr. Watts lives in the best portion of Southern Iowa for game, and has a large tract of land reserved by the owners for his especial use in breaking and hunting. He is handling "Shamrock" and "Fan," owned by A. C. Waddell, for the Iowa Field Trials, and I will venture the prediction that they will do credit there, both to breaker and owner,

Will you pardon the transition from Iowa to Tennessee, while I offer friendly greeting to "Guido" upon his entrance anew into the "bruder-bund," and congratulate him upon his escape from the perils of peritonitis and meningitis. That he is himself again is evident from his enjoyment of that "capital supper," and his admiration of that "form of life and light," and that he may *forever* remain so is undoubtedly the wish of many beside

DRACO.

ANSWER TO C. M. J. AND A. W.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—Thinking it might be of interest to many of your readers, especially C. M. J., I will say that for two years I have used phosphorus for the purpose of exciting the generative organs of one of my bitches. She comes in heat to a certain extent, but will never take the dog until I give the phosphorus. Whether it would have the effect of bringing a bitch in season or not, I could not say. The dose is—1-30 of a grain three times daily, and six doses (of 1-5 grain in six doses,) always has the desired effect. As the drug is very powerful, care should be taken not to increase the dose to any great extent. I have never seen any deleterious effects from its use. To A. W. and many other writers to the kennel department, I may say that I have had much experience in diarrhœa, and my opinion is that the majority of cases soon come to be chronic, and when such is the case ordinary medicines only add to the irritation of the mucous lining of the stomach and intestines; in such cases the best remedy I have ever used is diluted nitric-muriatic acid. It seems to have the effect of forming a new coating to the stomach, or chyle similar to that found in the stomach of a calf. Administer the acid as follows: in a saucer of sweet milk put from a half to three-quarters of a teaspoonful of the acid; this will have the effect of making it curd; by tasting it you can tell if too sour for the dog to take, if so, add more milk. The milk should taste like that first beginning to sour. Given three times a day I have never met with a case that it would not cure. Care must be taken to have the druggist put up the *diluted* article. Of course all must understand that the dog should not be gorged with food, and much meat and other strong articles should be avoided.

D. C. BERGUNDTHAL.

LISBURN (IRELAND) DOG SHOW.—This show was held in the new market place, on Thursday, the 26th inst.; the entries were not as large as last year, and the quality of most exhibited much below the average merit. The attendance was very small owing to the day being so cold. The red Irish setter and fox terriers were about the best averages classes in the show. The sporting puppies were far and away the best represented and gave Mr. Skidmore, the judge, enough to do to pick the winner. The next show that will be held in the north will be at Belfast on the 21st and 22d of June, where a liberal prize list is offered, and we hope to see the Irish setters and the Irish terriers better represented than they were at Lisburn. Appended is a list of the awards.

CLASS 1.—Greyhounds. *Dogs or Bitches*—1st, Thomas Erwin (Belle of Erin); 2d, T. W. Richardson (Dean Swift; 3d, M. H. Thompson (Turned Adrift).

CLASS 2.—Pointers. *Dogs or Bitches*—1st, Joseph Pike (Beau) and H.C., (Romp); 2d, William Murray (Rock); 3d, J. R. Long (Spring); H.C., W. J. Smith (Ruby).

CLASS 3.—Red Irish Setters. *Dogs or Bitches*—1st, T. Erwin (Thorstein); 2d, T. M. Hilliard (Duke); 3d, John Ruddy (Dunham); V.H.C., N. E. F. Nuttall (Sting).

CLASS 4.—Any other variety of Setter. *Dogs or Bitches*—1st and 2d, Mr. Gage (Quail) and J. J. Pim (Peru) divided; 3d, W. J. Smyth (Shot).

CLASS 12.—Sporting puppies under twelve months. *Dogs or Bitches*—1st, J. A. Gardner (Whisper); 2d, T. Erwin (Cherry II.), 3d, W. J. Wilson (Grouse); H.C., D. Sullivan (Bob), R. Stewart (Bell). Mrs. J. Whitla (Potteen), H. Jeffrey (Leo), T. M. Hilliard (Countess), J. Ruddy (Fan); C., H. G. Foster (Naiobe), A. N. Richardson (four puppies), T. Erwin (Ned). COLLEEN RHUE.

WHAT THEY SAY.—Memphis, May 14, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—Please send me five extra copies of last FIELD. *Your report of the New York show is worth all the others combined.* How are the Iowa trials progressing, and what will the purses be? We feel quite interested in them, and among others will be represented by Bryson's setter, Gladstone, by Llewellen's Dan out of Petrel, a grand puppy, and will be sure to make a name in the field, as well as on the bench. My King (Plunket-Kitty), who I am not afraid to put in any company of his age. Last, but not least, Whip, belonging to P. H. and myself, who, I think, can "make rings around" Stafford, Drake, or any other that I have seen go. We have made arrangements with Winford to take the Memphis six to the Arkansas prairies early in August, and run them for all they are worth in Iowa. All of them may get left out in the cold, but we intend to enter any way to encourage the trials, and hope our Iowa friends will not forget to meet us at Nashville, if they do clean us out in Iowa. Orgill is here, just from a long trip in Texas. He feels quite jolly over the success of the New York show, and his victories there. I will try to be there next year with a string of Irish pups.

B.

SOME BALM IN GILEAD.—Memphis, Tenn., May 15, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—Three of the five pinnated grouse eggs lately brought from the Arkansas prairies have hatched, beneath a barnyard hen; time of nidification, one month and two days. They pay no court to their stepmother, but are "Digger Indians." The talented amateur, G. W. W., has consented to run his and "Bluff City's" and W. Y.'s dogs at the Iowa field trials; also "Countess," "Young Guy," and "Van," for Guido, who has a holy ambition to there meet and beat the Dominecker dogs, now reposing on veal and truly great honors at Strathroy. Across the republic, Guido shakes hands with Dogwhip on this mournful fact and on setter beauty shows the natives are fairly beaten. But the natives are too ugly to be worthless in the field, and are alert and strong and in hand, eager to "retrieve" 1876 at Iowa and Nashville; hope and heart are strong. Will some one step on Dogwhip's coat tail, and charge to account of

Yours, truly, GUIDO.

SLEAFORD.—The subject of our illustration this week is the St. Louis Kennel Club's imported pointer dog, Sleaford. It will be remembered Sleaford won the first prize in the small pointer class at the last Birmingham show, and was bred by Mr. J. H. Whitehouse, out of his Nina by his imported McGregor.

GOOD DOG.—At Battle Creek, Mich., on May 5th, four boys, among whom were two sons of Mayor Austin, were playing near the marsh, accompanied by a large Newfoundland dog, owned by C. M. Alward. Little eight-years old Eddie Austin accidentally fell in where the water is several feet deep and disappeared beneath. The dog, though at some distance, took in the situation at once, rushed to the spot, plunged below the surface and brought the child up by the breast of his coat, holding him firmly above the water until the boys came to his rescue.

A NEW IMPORTATION.—Mr. Knox, of Nutwood, near Pittsburg, writes us: "I have just received a new importation in the splendid performing bitch Belle, from Lord Downe's kennel. They write me that she has been used the past two years on all kinds of game known to England. Her sister, Bess, produced the winner of the English puppy stake, Young Sam. They write me that Duke is a splendid dog, twenty-three inches high, black and white; he is to run this week in the English Derby."

DOG LICENSES IN ENGLAND.—A return presented to the House of Commons shows that the number of licenses taken out in the the year ended December 31, 1876, was 1,362,176, or an increase of 60,000 on the year 1875. In 1867, the year in which the dog licenses first came into force, the number of licenses issued was 828,320, while under the old system, the number of dogs assessed to the dog tax in the year ended April 5, 1867, was only 445,636.

Whelps.

QUEEN.—Mr. J. Whitman's (Chicago) Irish water spaniel bitch, Queen, whelped 9 on the 12th inst. Seven dogs and one bitch bitch were saved, by King of the River. Two dogs have died since.

SUE.—Mr. J. H. Whitman's orange and white pointer bitch, Sue, whelped nine, five dogs and four bitches, two of which have been destroyed; the sire is same owner's Shot.

Visits.

ROB-ROY—DAISY.—Mr. George Waddington's Daisy by Carlowitz, out of Lou, has visited Mr. Burges' Rob Roy.

KATHLEEN—DUKE.—Mr. D. Bryson's red Irish bitch, Kathleen, lately visited Mr. Carrington Mason's Duke (brother to Whitman's Gipsey).

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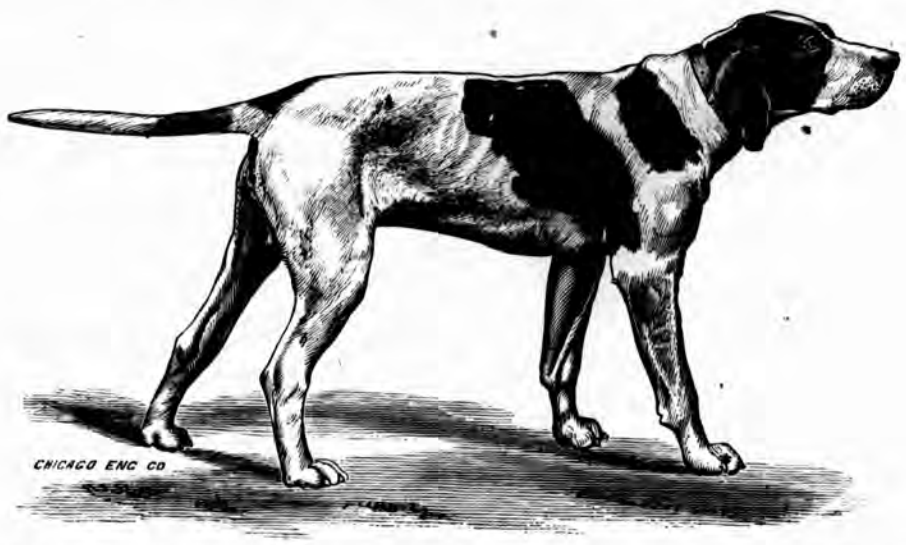

ST. LOUIS KENNEL CLUB'S IMPORTED POINTER DOG SLEAFORD.

Names Claimed.

RINK JUNIOR.—Orono, Maine, May 14, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—I claim the name of Rink Jr., for my black and white setter dog pup. He is out of Mollie, by Rink, Mollie is out of St. Kilda (No. 102 Burges' Kennel and Field), by Adams' Duke (No. 16 Kennel and Field). Rink is sired by Hemming's Rock, out of Run, (owned by R. J. Lloyd Price.)

ALF. B. AUBERT.

PETER THE GREAT.—Valparaiso, Ind., May 16, 1877.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—I have one of my Rob Roy-Blanche pups left, and I wish to register him and claim the name of Peter the Great. He was two months old last Tuesday, and shows very clearly what he will be. A friend has a number of young rabbits in his yard, and a few evenings since Pete and I paid this friend a visit. My native setter, Carl, always passes the time while I am there standing on these rabbits, whether it be ten minutes or two hours. Changing his position frequently, he will point those animals until called to go home. Pete came up to where Carl was standing and stepping a few feet in front, to our intense delight he lifted his fore foot and stiffened himself on that rabbit, and stood at least one minute. It was a beautiful picture—the old dog by our side and the little wee pup in front (not backing) of him, but it's no more than I expected. A cross of such a dog as Rob Roy with the Bismarck strain can't but produce remarkable dogs.

I see you were ahead of all the other papers in publishing the list of prize winners, and deserve much credit for your enterprise. Yours truly, W. H. HOLABIRD.

FISH AND GAME PROTECTION ON LONG ISLAND.—The Suffolk County, Long Island, Board of Supervisors have passed an act—authority for which is found in the Laws of 1876—for the preservation of quail in the county, to take effect on the 1st of November next. Any person killing, exposing for sale or having in possession after that date a quail will be liable to a fine of $25 for each bird, and the informer will get the benefit of fines, less the costs. Failure to pay the fines involves imprisonment in the County Jail one day for each dollar, not to exceed thirty days. In reference to the fisheries the Board have resolved that after the 1st of November no person shall take fish in the Great South Bay with a drifting or moving net in the night time, or between sunset of one day and sunset of the next; that all eels taken from the bay less than thirteen inches long shall be put back in the water while alive, and that no person shall use a net having a mesh of less than three inches across to the westward of Smith's Point, excepting in pounds or dykes. The penalty in each case is $50, which, deducting costs, goes to the informer, and the offender will also be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor.

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TWENTY PAGES.

Again have we been forced to publish an edition of twenty pages. When it narrowed down to a question of saving money, or throwing out matter of interest and value to our readers, the extra expense was put aside and the extra pages put on. Our readers will find every department represented and the New York bench show fully criticised by the able pen of Mohawk. We take no extraordinary credit for out-doing our eastern contemporaries by our reports of the prize winners, because sportsmen expected it of their representative paper, though, perhaps, not from less prominent journals.

DISPUTES DURING GAMES.—From the full report of the Cincinnati-Louisville base ball game of May 15th from our correspondent, and from the report of the game in the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, we gather that a disgraceful scene was witnessed during the game, viz., the players of base ball teams loudly disputing the decision of an umpire, and being supported in that proceeding by the ultimate action of the club management.

Before the meeting of the league at Cleveland, we proposed, as a rule, that no player but the captain should be allowed to question the umpire, and that any club allowing its members to so dispute should forfeit the game.

There is nothing more disgusting to a lover of base ball than to see men who are supposed to be under discipline wasting valuable time by "kicking" and disputing with the umpire. If individual managers cannot coerce their players, let the league so frame a law to put an end at once and forever to any such disputes. Fine the individual heavily, and cause the club that allows its manager or players to publicly declaim against a judgment to forfeit the game *ipso facto*. The decision of the umpire can be referred to the board of directors for final adjustment. But let every game be played out without wrangling.

DEXTER PARK.—We call the attention of our readers to the programme of the two June meetings that will be held at Dexter Park, in this city, which will be found detailed in our advertising columns. Mr. Mansur deserves the support of every owner and trainer in the Northwest, and of those of the East who have been legislated out of their business by the wiseacres who frame their laws, assisted by those who advocate the raising of a Christian standard on the turf. Our legislators of Illinois deserve credit for dividing the wheat from the chaff by making betting illegal on political issues, and leaving sportsmen to back their opinions if they please.

NOT DECIDED.—It has not yet been definitely agreed upon as to the date of the State Sportsmen's Convention of New York. It will be probably in the first week in June, and very largely attended. After the deliberations of the convention there will be plenty of sport for those who attend. Under Mr. Lincoln's able superintendence there will also be held a canine convention, and many of those who contended at New York will again do battle, perhaps with others thrown in to give new zest.

NEBRASKA STATE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Nebraska State Sportsmen's Association will be held on May 22d, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska. The shooting tournament which will be held under the management of the Plattsmouth Sportsmen's Club promises to be a most enjoyable affair. Plate prizes are open only to members of the State clubs. Sweepstakes open to the world. The committee on birds announce that they have 3,000 on hand.

OPENING OF THE SEASON.—At Dexter Park on May 10th (this day) there will be a purse of $100 for the horse that can be driven nearest to three minutes. Three trials will be allowed and the heat nearest to the time wins the money. As three-minute horses are as plenty as blackberries in Chicago, great sport may be expected.

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Amusements.

MCVICKER'S THEATRE.—Miss Rose Etynge has been playing to fair houses. On Thursday, Friday (and this night) she played "Miss Moulton" with great success. She was well supported.

HAVERLY'S THEATRE.—Aimee has been playing to crowded houses, except on Tuesday, when it rained. The action is so admirable throughout that one need not know French to keep the run of the plot of the opera. The chorus singing was superb and the general performance fully worthy of the reputation that the company has earned.

MUSEUM.—Den Thompson as "Josh Whitcomb" has been drawing good houses, notwithstanding the great attractions at other places. People cut and come again at this racy humorist and feel satisfied each time. The lecture on woman's rights is a side-splitting performance of the best description.

FOREPAUGH'S CIRCUS.—This world-renowned circus and menagerie has been down on the lake front in this city all the week. The crowds have been immense even through threatening weather. Its excellence demands attention wherever it goes.

The New York Bench Show.

The Best Yet.

NEARLY 40,000 VISITORS.

A Good Result — A Dog's Home.

PUBLIC JUDGING A FAILURE.

A FIENDISH ACT.

NEW YORK, May 12, 1877.

The New York dog show is over and passes into American canine history as the best bench show yet held, not only in the number, but in the quality of the dogs exhibited, and in the number and quality also of the visitors.

THE ARRANGEMENTS

for the exhibition of the dogs were most excellent, indeed they could not have been better, but the management was far from good. But for this, many excuses must be accepted as the Westminster Club could not get the Garden until Sunday night, consequently with the large number of stalls to be erected, many of the minor details which belong to perfect management, were necessarily obliged to be neglected. It was indeed astonishing with what rapidity they got into condition to receive, on Monday afternoon and night, the large number of dogs which arrived. At 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon they began to arrive and continued up to 10 o'clock that night.

THE CAUSE

of the trouble and confusion which subsequently followed and continued to the end commenced with the arrival of the dogs, and can be ascribed to keeping the entries open too long. Inasmuch as the foreign entries were kept open until the 1st of May, home entries were also received until that date, which, with the large number, delayed the getting of the catalogue out on time; it was not out of the printers' hands until Monday night, and even then only a few copies. This, and getting the building so late, prevented what should have been done; each dog's stall numbered and ready so that when it arrived it could be put immediately into it. The time, therefore, occupied on Tuesday in numbering and changing the dogs to the proper departments and stalls, was at the sacrifice of other matters, and particularly that which should have commenced early Tuesday morning—the judging. The consequence was that it was half past 1 o'clock Tuesday before the first lot were judged, which, by pre-arrangement were the six representatives each, of Mr. Smith's and Mr. Morford's kennels, for the Smith challenge; and as that took some time, it was nearly 3 o'clock before the judging of the regular classes commenced. A day was therefore lost, which, as is always the case with time lost, was not recovered, and instead of all the dogs being judged as intended on Tuesday, Friday morning—a day longer than it was originally intended, to keep the show open, saw a class yet to be judged. Another mistake, and the cause of much vexatious delay, was not numbering the stalls of the dogs entered for the special as well as the open classes. Consequently when the special classes were called the open classes in the catalogue had to be referred to in order to get the numbers of the dogs, that it could be ascertained which they won; many dogs through this, their owners claim, were omitted to be judged. Then by the delay, the large crowd continually in the building made it difficult getting the dogs into the ring, as it was at times difficult for a man alone, much less with a dog on a chain, to force his way through.

Some of the judges, too, it was difficult to keep in the ring; just so soon as they finished with a class, taking advantage of the delay in getting the dogs in the next class before them, going out, and having to be searched for at the expense of both time and patience.

The assistants, too, were a most abominable lot of fellows, with but one or two exceptions, and gave much trouble to keep them to their work. A more inefficient lot could not have been got together. When sent for dogs, which were easily found, they took more than twice the time necessary to bring them. Notwithstanding the judging was so far behind, on Thursday morning Mr. John Davidson and Dr. Twaddell at 11 o'clock had been waiting in the ring nearly two hours for dogs without getting them. The Westminster Club will do well, at their next show, at an early date, to select proper men, and not depend for them at the last moment from the numerous hangers on, as they must bear in mind that the most efficient superintendent, which Mr. Lincoln undoubtedly is, can accomplish but little if he has men who can be depended only when under his eye. Some of these fellows were moreover coarse and uncouth, not being particular in the language in quieting a barking dog even when ladies were present. This being their first attempt, the club will have gained experience, and we are mistaken in the men if they do not take care, in the next to remedy the defects in this.

PUBLIC JUDGING,

or as it is termed, open judging, we are compelled to pronounce a miserable failure. We were the first to advocate it, and notwithstanding the opposition it met with from many, yet we continued to press it, believing a practical test would demonstrate we were right and its opponents wrong. But we have to acknowledge that we were at fault and now regard it as entirely impracticable. If people could control their sympathies and the expressing of them, it would do very well, but inasmuch as there are those who can not and never will, it introduces a most objectionable feature.

A judge in a ring with a crowd around him is placed at a great disadvantage. Naturally desirous of giving general satisfaction at a time perhaps when he is undecided which of two dogs is the better, two or three persons near him, interested parties, by giving expression to their sentiments in favor of one of the dogs, may influence the judge in deciding in the dog's favor and at the expense of the better dog. And these two or three may be but the representatives of a very large minority of the spectators. Moreover it gives the bullying fellows—the tempests in the teapots the penny whistles in the silent band—an opportunity of intimidating a judge. And it also gives the hot headed spectator, intemperate in language, to openly slur the judge by imparting prejudices which do not exist. When the English setter class was being judged after the wager between Mr. Smith and Mr. Morford had been decided, some one offered to bet ten dollars to five that he would name the winning dog, and stated which dog he was willing to bet on. And it is not out of place to draw the attention of the public to one fact. A bench show has not for its object the equal division of the prizes among the exhibitors so that each shall have a share, whether his dog is a good specimen or not; but, on the contrary, that the *best dogs in each class* shall have a prize. Men, not dogs, are judged. If, therefore, it were possible for *one* exhibitor to enter the *best dogs* in *each* class, he is entitled to win every prize. "His share" cannot be entertained for a moment—the exhibitor must not be considered—only the dogs.

THE FIRST DAY

should be devoted solely to the judging. The public should be excluded. Only the owners of the dogs should be admitted and the judging done before them, for a man has a right to see that his dog has a fair show and is judged. The committee of the bench show would, moreover, by permitting the owner present, save themselves from much annoyance from complaints of unsuccessful exhibitors, that their dogs had not been judged, as, having been present, they would have no opportunity to make such complaints. With the public out of the way business, could be expidited, and, if the judging were commenced at an early hour in the morning, it could be easily finished by seven o'clock in the evening, when the doors could be thrown open to the public. The superintendent, assistants and executive committee would then be able to give their attention to those minor details, which, though small, yet are numerous, and, in the aggregate, contribute much to the proper management of a show; instead of hunting up dogs to be judged and the judges to judge them.

Close corporations and star chamber proceedings are not American; but open judging is, we are satisfied, not intended for the public, but only for the exhibitors. The visitors come to see and criticise, it is true, and each and every one is entitled to his opinion; but the exhibitor is the one to be satisfied that his dog has had an equal chance with his competitors. That done, open judging accomplishes its object and there it stops; when it goes beyond, it becomes public judging, which is a miserable failure and productive of much harm.

THE VISITORS

thronged the building from the time the show opened until it closed. Indeed, the application for admission commenced on Monday evening, when but few dogs had arrived. Very nearly 40,000 persons visited the show, and we feel safe in saying that neither in New York nor elsewhere did we ever see a better class of people present at any public exhibition, and we feel we are competent to form an opinion, as we lived in New York for seventeen years. The cream of New York society was present day and evening, which can be attributed to both the great interest felt in dogs by the better class of society and to the social position of the members of the Westminster Club, all of whom are gentlemen of position and standing in New York, and of whom it is not out of place to say, are among the most courteous and affable gentlemen we have ever met—an opinion which we believe every one carried away of them.

On Thursday evening Gen. Butler and Secretary of the Treasury, Sherman, visited the show.

The rough element was conspicuously absent. It is a noticeable fact that although at time, there were at least 10,000 people in the building, and always a large crowd, yet not the slightest disturbance occurred; and although among the visitors there were so many ladies richly jewelled, yet not one instance was reported of anyone losing anything.

Gilmore's Garden is undoubtedly the best place in this country, and beyond doubt one of the best in the world for a dog show, being of immense capacity; but large as it is was not too large for the crowd on Wednesday night, and to show how great was the interest in the show, it was kept open until Friday night, and although a notice was put up at the ticket offices that more than half the dogs had been removed, yet the attendance, up to the hour of closing Friday night, was quite large enough to have made a respectable showing for a first day.

THE RECEIPTS

from visitors Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with over $2,000 entrance fees for dogs, and with the sale of catalogues, etc., gives the club at least $18,000. Taking their expenses at their own estimate, $8,000, the show has netted them $10,000, which we understand they intend using for the erection of a club house and kennels on their shooting grounds in New Jersey.

But for a sharp trick the club would have netted in the neighborhood of $2,000 more; some sharpers, in league with the gatekeepers, when the crowd was great during the evenings, having possessed themselves of counterfeit tickets, sold them in large numbers to those who could not get to the ticket office, and the door-keepers returned them to the sharpers instead of putting them into the boxes with the genuine tickets. The discovery was not made until too late to detect the guilty parties.

The club's lease having expired at 12 o'clock Thursday night, and Mr. Gilmore's lease having commenced, in order to retain the use of the building for Friday, they had to agree to give him half of the receipts of the day and evening, which was a nice little arrangement for him, as his share amounted to $2,000. Could they have foreseen the result they would have done well to have rented the building for a fourth day, even at the high rate they paid for the three days—$500 a day.

The remaining half of the proceeds the club have generously given Mr. Bergh with which to establish a home for destitute dogs, such as under the new city ordinance may be seized for being at large without being muzzled, as the law compels every dog to be either muzzled or secured to his owner's hand by a chain not over four feet long.

This generous act on the part of the club has severed a knotty question between the mayor and Mr. Bergh. The law provides that all dogs found at large shall be killed. Mr. Bergh and the mayor got into a wrangle on the mode of death, which would doubtless have led to a bitter warfare but for the action of the club. Homes for stray dogs in both London and Paris have been productive of much good, and as New York contains as many, if not more, homeless animals — curs and outcasts of dog society—which have for their homes the piles of lumber and holes in the docks on the river fronts, and for their food depend on the refuse of the ash barrels, the want of such an institution has been sadly felt. All stray dogs captured and taken there, if found diseased or not claimed within a certain number of days, destroyed, will tend more effectually than in any other way to rid the city of the hundreds of curs which are not only useless, and at times dangerous, but who, by their evil acts, engender prejudice against dogs of a better class. The New York Bench Show has, therefore, not only by the interest it has awakened in dogs, but by providing the nucleus for a dog's home, done much practical good. A wealthy New York lady has agreed to give Mr. Bergh $2,000, also, for the purpose, so he has, with the amount from the club, $4,000 with which to establish a dog's home. Other donations will doubtless follow.

A FIENDISH ACT,

for which the devil incarnate who was guilty of it should be flayed alive, was the poisoning of a very handsome white toy terrier, Whiskey, and a black and tan terrier belonging to Mrs. Charles Park, of London, England, who is at present residing in New York. The white terrier was a great beauty and was a great pet with his mistress It was of the old English terrier species, white with a black nose, of which there are now but seventeen left. It took first prize in its class, which there is good reason for believing excited the animosity of a disappointed competitor, and for which he poisoned it. While there is no doubt as to whom the wretch is, yet, unfortunately, the evidence is not sufficiently strong to warrant his arrest and punishment.

THE PRESS

arrangements were abominable, the worst we ever saw. Never did we have so much trouble to gain information and get the

awards; it was only by the most persistent efforts we could succeed in getting them. We sincerely hope the club will bear this in mind and at their next show remedy it, for they must bear in mind that the press have a right to some consideration from them; and that granting it facilities for obtaining the earliest information is but a partial return for the favors the club receives from it; and that portion of the community from which it gets the attractions to draw the visitors, as well as the visitors have the right to demand it of them. It was of course an oversight, but yet the annoyance and trouble were all the same.

THE DOGS

were a grand lot. Of course there were here and there some very inferior specimens, which will be found in every show; but yet they cannot be said to be out of place and not to accomplish some good. For themselves, it is true, they do nothing, but nevertheless they fill a mission; they are educators. It is only by comparison that we arrive at a proper estimate of and learn to appreciate the good and beautiful. Never does the diamond look so brilliant, nor is its value so much appreciated as when in comparison with its counterfeit. So with these dogs; they bring out in bold contrast with their own defects the good points of the superior animals. To the student they are the key to the characteristics requisite in a standard animal.

With such exceptions there were never seen together in this country so many fine animals; nor perhaps in their best shows in England could they have been beaten.

THE PRIZES

were very handsome indeed. Those which were of plate were of solid silver. The cup offered by F. O. de Luze, agent for the Spratt's dog biscuits, was to our mind quite equal to any of the others in design, and in a utilitarian point of view superior. It was won by Dog Whip with Leicester in the Champion English Setter Class. And here history repeated itself. "You can take a good drink of ale out of that, Smith," remarked a friend. "No, sir, not ale, but it's a grand thing for tea," replied Smith. "Oh! I beg pardon, I had forgotten the seven cups of tea at Memphis," and the gentleman walked away. "That reminds me, Rowe, I have not had a cup of tea since morning; let us go to our room and get one. At a bench show or field trial there is nothing like plenty of good tea," and to our room we went. The tea was soon brought in, and after drinking a cup, feeling very tired we soon dropped to sleep, leaving Smith just in the act of pouring out a third cup. How long we slept we cannot now remember, but when we woke we found Smith in the same position, pouring out another cup. For the first time we noticed the gigantic size of the tea pot, but alas! it was empty. Inquiry afterwards satisfied us that the immortal Dog Whip had drank at least twelve cups of tea, as fourteen is the capacity of the tea pot, which allows for the one we drank and the waste in pouring out. Charged with it, he acknowledged to *ten* cups. But to show the ruling passion to be strong in death, before retiring that night we had been discussing prizes—what they should be, and what should be their value. We had dropped to sleep, and were dreaming of the reporter's heaven, where there are no bench shows to report, when a violent shake brought us back to earth, and Dog Whip yelled in our ear: "Now, Rowe, what a grand prize a large silver teapot would be!"

MR. BERGH'S ADDRESS

was delivered on Tuesday evening about half past eight o'clock. After Gen. A. S. Webb had introduced him to the immense audience, Mr. Bergh spoke as follows:

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—The present is, I believe, the first exhibition of the canine race, of similar magnitude and excellence, that has ever taken place in this city, and I think I am justified in saying has never been surpassed in any part of the world. Indeed, the representatives of that race of animals, from almost all parts of the earth, are to be seen here within these walls to-night! To the gentlemen who have inaugurated it, both native and foreigners, the most unqualified commendation is their due. Their purpose means progress and improvement. It has been said that "He who causes two blades of grass to grow where one grew before" is a public benefactor. Now, it is not the purpose of these gentlemen, I need hardly say to you, to cause two dogs to grow where one only grew before; but they aim at the improvement of the race of animals which you are invited here to-night to inspect. We are informed by sacred history who were the first man and the first woman; but neither sacred nor profane history tells us who was the first dog. In the creation of man we knew that a rib was employed, and we are equally well informed that bones have always had much to do with the existence of the other race of animals. The origin of the dog is undoubtedly the wolf or the jackal, as is proven not only by his anatomy, but by his habits. His osteology is identical, the term of gestation is likewise the same—namely, sixty days—and both alike are born blind. Cuvier asserts that they are never found in a primitive state, and he furthermore remarks that the dog is the most singular, complete and useful conquest that man has made. He is devoted to his master, adopts his manners, defends his property, attaches himself to him until death, and all this springs not from necessity or restraint, but simple gratitude and true friendship.

In India wild dogs exist, and, what is not to be wondered at, they decline to have anything to do with mankind. They must have heard of the treatment dogs receive from the Aldermen here in New York. One thing seems certain, and that is, that his contact with civilization has somewhat demoralized him. He is as lazy as a city official with a salary of $5,000. He will steal to satisfy his hunger; but then he neither drinks, smokes nor chews tobacco, and he eschews politics, although he is perhaps as capable of voting intelligently as those who "vote early and often." He is not given to dog-mas, although his ma is a dog. The dog days are derived from him, as well as the dog watch; but he is not the author of any of the doggerels you have read. With regard to his moral character the less I say the better, because we would suffer so by the comparison. The French have an aphorism which says: "*Ce qu'il y a de plus beau dans l'homme c'est le chien.*" (That which is the most admirable in man most resembles the dog.) When poverty, disease and even death overtakes you he clings to you like your shadow. When your own children abandon you there he is at your side; neglect him, beat him, and with the first word or look of kindness he rolls his grateful body at your feet. He was the first to greet his master Ulysses on his return from the Trojan wars after an absence of twenty years. Cicero asserts that "whatever feels, wills and acts with vigor and discernment is celestial and divine, and hence eternal." Without expressing any opinion myself, let me remind you that there are 400,000,000 of people who share this belief, as the metempsychosis theory proves—to-wit, that the souls of men pass into the bodies of animals at their death. May not this account for the numerous wild beasts we meet among men? If the dog descended from the wolf is not man descended from the savage?

The connection of animals with the affairs of mankind is more remarkable than is generally recognized. Let me cite a few instances: The protest of Balaam's ass prevented the commission of a great crime against heaven and the cackling of geese saved Rome. When the armies of James II and William were confronting one another, the noise made by a wren picking up some crumbs from the top of a drum awoke the sleeping drummer and thus saved the army of William. God is in the zephyr as well as in the whirlwind, and the moth is as effective an instrument in His hands as the thunderbolt! Scott tells us that the most splendid event in the history of Scotland—viz., the ascent of Bruce to the throne—was owing to a simple spider, and one of the greatest naval victories of England resulted from the crowing of a cock. The dog has detected and brought murderers to justice. In all ages he has been the intimate companion of the mightiest of the earth as well as the most humble. In his affection he is the equal of mankind, and his services cannot be over-estimated. The St. Bernard dog named Barry, during twelve years of service on the mountains, saved the lives of forty travelers.

Grayfriar's Bobby lay upon the grave of his master nine years, and his unparalleled devotion has been perpetuated by a monument, erected by the Baroness Burdett Coutts. One or two more illustrations and I have done.

A young man once rowed out into the middle of a river with a dog and then threw him overboard. The faithful animal clung to the boat, but was as often driven off by his cruel master, until at length, during one of his efforts, he lost his own balance and fell into the stream. Did the dog desert him? No; he seized him by his clothes and held him above water until succor arrived. One of those cruel enthusiasts known as dissectors of living animals, being once in need of a subject, actually took his own dog, which had been for years in his family, confined him to a table and ripped him up as though it had been a senseless object. The suffering creature groaned and howled in his agony, and just before dying raised his head and licked the hand of his savage tormentor."

THE AWARDS.

THE SMITH-MORFORD CHALLENGE.—As is well known to our readers Mr. L. H. Smith, of Strathroy, Canada, issued a challenge to show six imported setters against six native setters for a piece of silver to cost $100 gold, and deposited with us a check for the amount, which was promptly covered by Mr. Theodore Morford, of Newton, N. J. The conditions were that should any of Mr. Smith's dogs, which he had entered for competition in the show, not be in proper condition on the opening day of the show, he should have the privilege of making up the number from any of the imported dogs on exhibition, Mr. Theodore Morford to have the same privilege of selecting from any kennel he pleased—the dogs to be named before the judging in the regular classes commenced, and to be judged by the judge of the English setter classes.

On Tuesday morning Mr. Smith and Mr. Morford met, named their dogs, and agreed that with the permission of the Westminster Club their dogs should be judged before the regular classes, which was done. Mr. Smith named Leicester, Paris, Dart, Clipp and Pearl from his own kennel, and Mr. C. S. Westcott's Pedigree. Mr. Morford named his May and Bruce, Mercilliott's Pet, Morris' Pete, Raymond's Sukie and Barnum's Dan.

It had been generally conceded that Mr. Theodore Morford was the only man who could accept Mr. Smith's challenge, as beyond all doubt Mr. Morford's dogs are the best natives in the country, a fact which was fully sustained when he led them into the ring. They were truly a handsome lot; six dogs, handsome enough to suit any one, and although Mr. Morford was beaten, yet it is no disgrace to him, for there is no other man in America who could have done it but Mr. Smith, and no one who can repeat it. And the glory which Mr. Smith has gained for his kennel by his victory could not have had the lustre from any other man in America but Mr. Morford. Mr. Davidson, after carefully examining the dogs, appealed to the gentlemen to know if they could not settle it between themselves, but finding the onus of a decision rested with him, decided in favor of Mr. Smith. On the rendering of the decision, Mr. Morford, with that gentlemanly and manly courtesy characteristic of him, congratulated Mr. Smith, and the utmost good feeling existed between them.

Mr. Westcott also came in for a share of glory, as Mr. Smith, after carefully examining all the imported dogs for his sixth, decided on Mr. Westcott's Pedigree as the best. As Pedigree got second to Paris in his class, it shows his estimate of Pedigree was correct, in which we fully concur.

CHAMPION CLASSES

For either native or imported dogs or bitches that have won first prizes at any bench show in this country or abroad, the Centennial Bench Show, at Philadelphia, excepted.

CLASS 1.—*Champion English Setter Dogs.*—The first prize in this class went to Mr. L. H. Smith, for his lemon and white Liecester, imported from the kennel of Mr. Purcell Llewellin, by Mr. Llewellin's Dan out of his Lill II. We never saw Leicester look so well. Mr. G. de Landre Macdona's white and lemon Ranger II, was very highly commended. Mr. Raymond's Pride of the Border, and Mr. Macdona's Blue Prince II were absent. Mr. Burges' Rob Roy was present, but having been entered for exhibition only did not compete.

Champion English Setter Bitches.—The first prize was awarded to Mr. L. H. Smith, for his blue belton bitch Dart, bred by Mr. Llewellin, by his Prince out of the St. Louis Kennel Club's Dora, Mr. Theodore Morford's orange and white bitch May by Joe out of Nellie, first at Springfield, Mass., 1876, and Mr. C. S. Westcott's black and white ticked bitch Magnet by Victor, out of Daisy, first Baltimore, being very highly commended.

CLASS 2.—*Champion Irish Setter Dogs.*—The first prize in this class went to Mr. Arnold Burges' Rufus, Dr. Jarvis', formerly the St. Louis Kennel Club's Elcho, getting very highly commended, J. F. Rathyen's Jack highly commended and Campbell Stewart's Duke commended. We regard the judging in this class very faulty, as although Rufus has an excellent body, yet his head is a bad one, and take him all round he is not as good a dog on the bench as Elcho, nor is he as good a color as Elcho. The first prize should have gone to Elcho, and the very highly commended to Rufus. Mr. Campbell Stewart's Duke and J. F. Rathyen's Jack should also have exchanged, as Duke is a better dog than Jack, both in color and form. Plunket was withdrawn from competition.

Champion Irish Setter Bitches.—First went to the St. Louis Kennel Club's Loo II., which we think is destined for a long time to be champion in her class, as it will be a very difficult matter to find a better bitch than Loo. W. J. Farrar's Carrie, a remarkably handsome bitch, was very highly commended, Mr. Nelson's Maggie, highly commended, and Mr. Thomas Adcock's Juno only commended, whereas she should have been at least H. C., if not V. H. C.

CLASS 3.—*Champion Gordon Setter Dogs.*—The first prize in this went to Mr. Jessie Sherwood's recent importation Rupert; Copeland's Shot and C. H. Browker's Kent very highly commended, Jerome Marble's Grouse and Colburn's Dash not mentioned. This was abominable judging. The idea of very highly commending Kent and not mentioning Grouse seems absurd to even contemplate, for Kent is a very inferior dog to Grouse; indeed Kent could not be considered as in any way a competitor with Grouse, being in no single point his equal. While Rupert is a well-made dog and undoubtedly of the true Gordon type, yet neither in coat nor tan is he equal to Marble's Grouse or Copeland's Shot. The contest for first place lay between Shot and Grouse. Grouse's muzzle is a little too snipy, but in other respects he is a capital dog. Shot has a better muzzle and there is where he beats Grouse.

Champion Gordon Setter Bitches.—Copeland's Norah, Chicago, seventy-six first prize, carried off the first.

CLASS 4.—*Champion Pointer Dogs* (any weight).—Worse judging we never saw than in this class. Mr. Lloyd Price's lemon and white dog Snapshot, which took first prize, we regard as a very inferior dog to Dilley's Ranger, Strong's Pete, Steel's Flake, Sherwood's Sancho or St. Louis Kennel Club's Sleaford. Moreover, the dog should not have been admitted into the show, as he was suffering from incipient mange. It was a flagrant violation of the National American Kennel Club's rules under which the show was held, to admit him. The decision gave much dissatisfaction generally.

Champion Pointer Bitches.—The first prize in this went to the Columbus, Ohio, Kennel Club's white and liver champion Bell, well deserving of it.

OPEN CLASSES.

For dogs or bitches which had never won a first prize.

CLASS 5.—*Imported English Setter Dogs.*—This was a very fine class. Smith's blue belton Paris went to the front, followed with second prize by Westcott's little pocket giant, Pidegree. Mr. Dudley Olcott's brace of blue beltons, Guy Mannering and Rhoderick Dhu, by Pride of the Border out of Fairy, were respectively very highly and highly commended. Both Rhod and Guy have developed into fine dogs, and as a brace are pictures. Mr. C. H. Raymond's orange and white Young Laverack by Blue Prince out of Fairy was commended. Young Laverack is a very compact and handsome type of his strain, and but for being too short in muzzle, which gives him a bitches' head, he would be a dangerous dog on the bench.

Imported English Setter Bitches.—This was a splendid class. A great many good ones. The judging was very bad. We cannot see how so good a judge of a dog as Mr. Davidson is, could have made such an error of judgment as to give Nina first place over Pearl, Clipp, Snow, Magnet and Belle. Nina is a very good bitch but is rather too beefy. Pearl was decidedly the best bitch in the class; the fact that she is small is no argument against her, for she is like all the Laveracks, small, but is nearer to perfection than any dog we have ever seen, and we have the precedent for size not militating against her in Mr. Davidson's award in the dog class of second place to Pedigree, a small dog over heavier dogs, and rightly too. Pearl is simply perfect in every point; it would be impossible to pick a flaw in her. Her color is extra good, blue belton and remarkably evenly marked. Her breeding is of the very best, being by Llewellin's Prince out of his Lill II. Clipp, black, white and tan, by Leicester, out of Dart, deserved second place, carried off by Mr. McShane's lemon and white bitch Snow, by Leicester out of Victress; but, strange to say, she was not even commended. Mr. Macdona's white and liver Magnet, by champion Rock out of Lilly White, was very highly commended.

Imported English Setter Dog Puppies, (under 12 months).—Mr. D. T. Charles' white and lemon puppy Safe, by Royal out of Nina, got first. Captain J. W. Foster's lemon and white Sam Tilden, by Rock out of Kirby, first Baltimore, was very highly commended, and Mr. Charles' white and black Blaze, by Royal out of Nina, was highly commended. We liked Sam Tilden better for first, but, like his namesake, he did not get what he tried for.

Imported English Setter Bitch Puppies.—In this class there were only two entries, Mr. Charles' white and black ticked Rose, by Royal out of Nina, winner of the prize, and Mr. Herzberg's black and white ticked Patti, by Pride of the Border out of owner's Jessie, commended.

CLASS 6.—*Native English Setter Dogs.*—This was the largest class in the show, with some capital ones in it. But a great mistake was made in the judging here in overlooking Theodore Morford's orange and white dog Bruce, by Joe out of Nelly, for first place. If ever a dog deserved first place he did, but instead got only V. H.C., Cross' orange and white dog Lark, by Brooks' Phil out of Raymond's Dido, beating him for first, and Wakeman Holberton's orange and white Sancho, by Hurlbert's Cato out of Chapman's Flirt, beating him for second place, both of them inferior dogs to him. Indeed we should have given Barnum's orange and white Dan, by Dr. Aten's Ned out of Elmendorff's Nell, second over both Lark and Sancho. Bruce and Dan were both very highly commended, as also Gildersleeve's white and orange Dash, by Sport out of Flora. C. L. Ritzman's orange and white Spy; A. S. Boutcher's white dog Dan, by Bismarck out of Flora; G. H. Van Note's blue belton Don, by Sport out of Nellie; and A. E. Chamberlin's white and orange Duke, were highly commended; and J. H. Douglass' (West Philadelphia) Waif, by Pride of the Border out of Gildersleeve's Nellie, was commended.

Native English Setter Bitches.—E. F. Mercilliott's lemon and white bitch Grace, by Morford's Don, out of owner's Pet, a handsome, racy-looking bitch, went to the front, with George B. Raymond's orange and white Abbey, by Young Laverack, out of Dido, second, and C. H. Raymond's white and orange Sukie, by Shipman's Joe, V. H. C. Mercilliott's Pet, dam of Grace, as pretty as any, was only highly commended, whereas she was deserving of the place at least next to her daughter. Abraham Lansing's orange belton Di, by Young Laverack, out of Dido, was also highly commended.

Native English Setter Dog Puppies.—The class was a good one. Dr. S. Fleet Spier's black, white and tan puppy St. Elmo, by Pride of the Border, out of Herzberg's Jessie, was first. St. Elmo is a very promising puppy, being handsome and well formed. F. M. Thompson's Trim, brother to St. Elmo, also a promising puppy, was next, with V. H. C., followed by Dr. H. A. Rosenthal's orange and white Harry, by Sport, out of Flora, and Theodore Morford's orange and white Bess, by Joe, out of Puss, highly commended.

Native English Setter Bitch Puppies.—Another good class, in which Theodore Morford's orange and white Bess, by Joe, out of Puss, went to the front. Dr. Rosenthal's orange and white Floretta, by Sport, out of Flora, J. L. Northrup's orange and white bitch Mag, by Pete, out of Dell, and N. Elmore's Jet were highly commended.

CLASS 7.—*Imported Irish Setter Dogs.*—There were a great many fine dogs in this class. The first prize justly went to Mr. W. N. Callender's Rory O'More, by Rufus out of Friend, a very handsome dog, a better dog than his sire. The second prize was awarded to Mr. Von Culin's Plunket-Kathleen pup Kite. Max Wenzel's dog (no name given) and R. W. Lindsay's Dash were highly commended. C. Z. Miley's York, J. B. Miley's Grouse, St. Louis Kennel Club's Elcho II and H. A. Davis' Plunket-Juno pup Limerick were highly commended. Elcho II, we think, was deserving of more than H.C.

Imported Irish Setter Bitches.—A very good lot, but the best, Fire Fly, a deep rich red, and of racy cut, a bitch which seems to improve all the time, was awarded second instead of first, which went to T. Meddley's (London, Eng.) Belle, red and white, with a broad chest, and out at elbows, by Mozart out of Brosna. F. A. Watson's Juno was very highly commended, and J. E. Devlin's red and white Mollie, by Pum out of Nell, was highly commended.

Imported Irish Setter Dog Puppies (under 12 months).—There were not many in this class, but what there were was good. H. Le Grand Cannon's Plunket-Carrie puppy Guy was awarded first, and the St. Louis Kennel Club's Berkley, by Elcho out of Loo II, was very highly commended.

Imported Irish Setter Bitch Puppies (under 12 months).—Also a good lot. The judges found it hard to decide, and finally, not being able to agree which was the better of the two, H. R. Bishop's Kathleen Mavourneen, by Plunket out of Moya, or the St. Louis Kennel Club's Biddy, by Erin out of Whitford's Erin, called Mr. G. W. Bassford as referee, who decided in favor of Kathleen Mavourneen. We preferred Biddy for first place; she is well made, of a deep blood red color, and has a good head, her fault being that her muzzle is rather snipy. Kathleen Mavourneen is a well made pup but light in color. Mr. Macdona's Ruth, red and white, by Rover out of Mona, very highly commended, we thought too curly in coat.

CLASS 8.—*Native Irish Setter Dogs.*—A large class and a good one. Bacheller's Duke, by Thompson's Duke out of Belle, was awarded first, and J. A. Barnes' Snipe, by Colt's Game out of his Nellie, got second. D. T. Charles' Fritz, R. Lawrence's Pilot, H. N. Munn's Count of Orange, W. B. Lawrence's Scout, J. E. J. Granger's Rump, A. W. B. Cram's Jeff, Oscar Remmy's Pat, W. R. Hobart's Boss, J. B. Bergen's Pat and F. H. Cozzin's Humps were very highly commended, and K. G. White's Tom commended. But, although but a puppy, being only fifteen months old, C. E. Miles' Jeff, by Milner's Jack out of Jule, was the handsomest in his class and was overlooked. Jeff is of the true Irish type, no lumber, but clean cut and racy-looking, with a lean head, with ears well put on and good muzzle; neck lean, well set on shoulders; shoulders and chest good; good feet and well let down behind.

Native Irish Setter Bitches.—A very good class both in numbers and quality. The first prize went to F. R. Cozzen's Kate, red and white, and the the second prize to Miles' Jule, by Rodman's Dash out of Rodman's Emma. We thought Jule a better bitch than Kate, and had we been judging, we should have given her first; there are few bitches which we have seen that we prefer to Jule. She is more like old Dash than any pup he ever had.

Native Irish Setter Dog Puppies (under 12 months).—A capital class, in which W. P. Astin's Preston, by Tar out of Gipsy, got first, and K. G. White's Brit, by Tom out of Lady; P. Noel's Begorrah, by Plunket out of Bess; G. W. Bassford's Dash, brother to Preston; H. Oderick's Count, and Everett Smith's Cale, by Guy out of Cora II, were very highly commended; and Astin's Baron, brother to Preston, was highly commended. It is a noticeable fact that Preston, Dash and Baron, all out of Gipsey by Pete Morris' imported dog Tar, and belonging to the Harrison Kennel, should have received awards. Gipsey, their dam, Whitford broke, and we know thought well of. Preston is an all deep red, well made pup, with good head and good points generally. His brother Dash is as well made a pup, but has considerable white; Baron is also a well made pup.

Native Irish Setter Bitch Puppies.—G. W. Bassford's Gipsey, sister to Preston, Dash and Baron, was justly awarded first, and P. H. Morris' Irene by Colburn's Dash out of Yard's Fannie, and Everett Smith's Rouge by Guy out of Cora II, were very highly commended.

CLASS 9.—*Native or Imported Gordon Setter Dogs.*—The award of first prize to H. Y. Leavitt's Sancho, a black and white, with a very light tan, gave dissatisfaction to some of the competitors and a protest was entered by August Belmont, Jr., whose Robin black and tan had been awarded second. The ground on which the protest was made was that Sancho was cross-bred on the dam's side with an orange and white English setter. The Rev. J. Cumming Macdona, who judged the class and Mr. C. H. Raymond, whom the executive committee of the Westminster Club appointed to consider the protest, would not entertain it, and decided in favor of Mr. Leavitt. Sancho is certainly a very handsome, well made dog, and if his breeding be straight he deserved the prize. Mr. H. N. Munn's Dinks, black and tan, by Duke of Gordon, out of Kate, was very highly commended; and his Scot, black and tan same sire and dam, and E. S. Sanford, Jr.'s Spiero, black, white and tan, by Dr. Spier's Dick out of his Daisy, were highly commended.

Native or Imported Gordon Setter Bitches.—G. S. Sedgwick's Belle, black and tan, by Wakefield's Jock out of Williamson's bitch was given first, and Jas. R. Tilley's Dream, black and tan, by Shot out of Mab, a very handsome bitch, second, Fisher & Brickerton's Border Lilly by Duke out of Flirt, being very highly commended, and W. J. Farrar's Nell by Tom out of Jessie, highly commended.

Native or Imported Gordon Setter Dog Puppies (under 12 months).—M. Grinnell's, black and tan Rex, by Horace Smith's Monarch out of champion Lou, was awarded first, Dr. S. Fleet Spier's Romeo, black and tan, by Gypsum out of Daisy, was very highly commended, and his Leo, black and tan, same sire and dam, and O'Brien Bros.' Sam, black and tan, by Ponto out of Witch, were highly commended.

Native or Irish Gordon Setter Bitch Puppies (under 12 months).—N. B. Martin's Rose, black and tan, by Munn's Duke of Gordon out of Tilley's Dream, was awarded first, James L. Marvin's Bess, black and tan, by Jock out of Flora, was very highly commended, and J. W. Walker's Black Bess black and tan by Walker's Dash out of Bennett's Mab, was highly commended.

CLASS 9.—*A Native Black and Tan and Black White and Tan Dogs.*—Mr. George C. Colburn's Trump, a good looking dog, black and tan, by his Dash out of Pryor's Belle, was awarded first, and second went to his Duke, another good-looking one by Dash out of Mullin's Belle, Mr. R. C. Cornell's Simmy, black and tan, by Dash out of Waddell's Fanny, was very highly commended.

Bitches of Same Class.—When called for to be judged Dr. Spier's black and tan bitch Fan, by Dick out of Daisy, could not be found, and first prize was awarded to G. W. Bassford's Nellie, black and tan, by Roodman's Dash out of Pentz's Nellie. When Dr. Spier discovered the error he entered a protest, as the bitch was in her stall, and the error was caused by the carelessness of the assistant sent for her; the committee of the club recognize the protest and had her judged, and first was given her; and although there was no second prize they gave Mr. Bassford one for his bitch.

CLASS 10.—*Pointer Dogs* (over 50 pounds).—This was a very large class, with some good specimens. Mr. Strong's Lill which won first, is a very nice lemon and white dog with good head and body, but lacking in bend of stifles, which gives him rather a stiff appearance behind. His coat is also somewhat harsh, although of good lustre and length. Dad, owned by Mr. E. H. Lathrop, winner of second prize, has a good body and limbs, but his head is spoiled by the bad hanging of his ears and a split nose—that characteristic of the old Spanish pointer, which is certainly out of place in the improved dogs of the present day. We think the award to Dad was an error, and that Mr. Hammond's Shot should have had second place; but he was passed over altogether. Mr. Nelson Cornell's Dan, a good dog, was very highly commended, and Mr. R. A. Soule's Sport and Mr. E. Leavitt's, Jr., Shot were highly commended. Between Sport and Dad there is a very slight difference in order of merit. We preferred Mr. Leavitt's, Mac, entirely overlooked, to his Shot as Shot's head is not so good as Mac's, and he has too much throatiness.

Bitches of Same Class.—Mr. Dilley's Royal Fan walked off with this, and was fully entitled to it. She resembles her sire, Ranger, and is a bitch very hard to beat. Mr. Rogers' Maryland, which took second, was not entitled to the prize, as she is not well marked about the head and has a coarse, heavy tail. Dr. Luke Corcoran's Bess, which was only highly commended, was entitled to second place, and she certainly was entitled to rank above Mr. Bogart's Dido, who, though possessing a good body and coat, is yet deformed by a cleft nose—about the worst we have ever seen. Mr. Austin's Belle was very highly commended and Mr. Schuchardt's Fan was commended.

CLASS 11.—*Pointer Dogs* (under 50 pounds).—Mr. Edmund Orgill's Flake-Lill dog Rush, a great beauty, was given first, and fully deserved it. D. B. Fuller's Snipe, the second prize dog, we did not like for the place as well as Mr. H. E. Jones' Ranger. Snipe's ears are set too high, giving his head a bad appearance. Ranger is a very neat, wiry-looking dog, well coated and well put together. Mr. Floyd Jones' Rocket and Rufus Prime's Pan were both highly commended. Pan is the better dog of the two and deserved the H. C. Rocket is too leggy, and with a head too small.

Bitches, Same Class.—The judging of the pointers generally is not to be commended, and this class is not an exception. Dr. A. R. Strachan's Daisy was given first over her sister Rose, which is a much prettier bitch than Daisy, and therefore Rose should have been first and Daisy second. G. A. Strong's black bitch Fan deserved being very highly commended, as did also Mr. Dilley's Minnie-Sota highly commended.

Pointer Dog Puppies, Same Class.—Jesse Sherwood's Sancho, Jr., deserved the pride of place, as he is a remarkably fine pup. Mr. R. M. Lindsay's Snipe was very highly commended, and fully deserved it.

Bitch Puppies, Same Class.—Mr. S. B. Dilley's Fleet won first in a large and good class, and on her merit. Several deserved being very highly and highly commended, but they were overlooked.

CLASS 13—*Chesapeake Bay Dogs.*—There were but two entries, C. H. Tilguman's Trip, which won first, and E. H. Gillman's Pride of the Chesapeake, which got second.

CLASS 14.—*Irish Water Spaniels.*—There were but four entries, and not a pure one among them. The awards were correctly reported in our last issue.

CLASS 15.—*Retrieving Spaniels, other than pure Irish.*—A very bad lot. The awards were correctly reported in our last issue.

CLASS 16.—*Cocker Spaniels.*—Only a fair lot. The first prize, F. H. Hoe's Witch, by Romeo out of Juliet, was a good one. With this exception the others were only ordinary. The awards were correctly reported in our last issue.

CLASS 17.—*Field Spaniels of any other Breed.*—The first and second, G. H. Andrews' Ned and H. Blossom's Fido, were good; the others were very poor. The other awards were reported correctly in our last issue.

CLASS 18.—*Fox Hounds in couples.*—A very good lot, especially the first prize couple, G. A. Edmund's Hunter and Judy, and second prize couple, Drake and Anderson's Hunkey and Jule. A. E. Godeffrey's Drum and Lead were highly commended.

CLASS 19.—*Harriers in couples.*—There was only one brace entered, Mr. W. Ahren's (Baltimore) Bell and Rose, which took second at Baltimore, and, although there was no competition, they were considered so good that they were awarded first prize.

CLASS 20.—*Beagles.*—A good lot. Awards were correctly reported in our last issue.

CLASS 21.—*Dachshunds*, (not cast iron).—This was a very good class. Dr. Twaddell, who judged them, finding there were good representatives of each color, made three classes of them, as is done in Europe—black and tan, fallow red, and a pied class. In the black and tan class, S. L. Parson's Frau got first, and Fritz Gubner's Miss Em got second. This bitch was large in whelp and died on Wednesday. It was a great mistake putting her into the show so far in whelp. She was a handsome bitch and extremely well-bred, being by Hunter out of Dr. Twaddell's Fraulein. In the pied classes T. B. Allen's white and tan Spot got first, and his white and tan Jeff got second. In the fallow reds there was no first award; second went to Francis Leslie's Punk; J. M. Powell's Duke was commended. Dr. Twaddell had on exhibition his Waldemann, a brilliant black and tan, imported from the kennels of the Duke of Baden; Mein Gretchen, also a brilliant black and tan, and from the Duke of Baden's kennel; Unser Fritz, winner of the silver collar at the Centennial and first prize and silver horn at Baltimore; Schnapps, fallow fawn, imported from the Duke of Baden's kennel; Zankerlie, chestnut and tan, of the Wurtemberg breed, and Fraulein II, black and tan, of the Saxe-Weimar breed. As Dr. Twaddell was judge of the class his kennel was on exhibition only and did not compete. Had they competed they would have taken every prize. We didn't wish to go out of our way to compliment any one, but think it but just to say that a foreign gentleman visiting the show, familiar with the breed of dachshunds, told us that he did not believe it possible to beat Dr. Twaddell's dogs in Europe; that he had never seen better, and that the judging of the class by Dr. Twaddell showed a familiarity with, and knowledge of, the dachshund that he did not expect to see, considering that the breed was a new one in this country. He assured us that the judging of this class was better than any he had seen at any English show.

CLASS 22.—*Fox Terriers.*—With the exception of Mr. Walton's Tricksey, which justly carried off the first prize, as she did also at Baltimore, the class was inferior. Mr. Kavanagh, who judged them, considers Tricksey as fine a specimen as he ever saw. The awards were correctly reported in our last. The Fox terrier puppies were better. Mr. Macdona's Tim was a fair specimen. Mr. Griswold's litter of four, which were highly commended, were better than Oderick's Tips, second prize, and Starling's Fussy, V. H. C., but being only nine weeks old, Mr. Kavanagh very properly placed Tips and Fussy first, as they were too young for competition. There should have been in this class, as in every class, a prize for litters.

CLASS 23.—*Greyhounds.*—A splendid class. Robinson's Hudibras first and Mrs. M. J. Leonard's Nellie second, were very fine specimens. Other awards correct in our last issue.

CLASS 24.—*Staghounds.*—Very good. The first and second prize dogs, Stanley and Madgie, belonging to the late General Custer, were very good.

CLASS 25.—*Deerhounds.*—A good class. Paul Dana's Brau, first prize, was a very fine specimen. The second prize, Oscar, was also a fine specimen. Other awards correct in last issue.

CLASS 26.—*Mastiffs.*—This was a large and splendid class, there being some magnificent specimens. A. A. Brown's (Liverpool, England,) Vandal and Norma divided first; his Mable and Conqueror were very highly commended, and his Saxon highly commended. W. F. Morgan, New York, got second with his King Olaf. George Paul Wark's Faust or Max and R. L. Belknap's Dido and Ajax were very highly commended; F. A. Watson's Flora was highly commended, and H. Mead's Blunderbuss was commended. Mr. W. E. Sission's Josie we thought a very fine bitch, but she was overlooked. We think she deserved being very highly commended, which is a high honor in such a large and good class.

CLASS 27.—*St. Bernards.*—This was a very fine class. Mr. Macdona, who judged them, spoke very highly of the class. The awards were reported in our last issue.

CLASS 28.—*Newfoundlands.*—A good class. Awards in last issue.

CLASS 29.—*Siberian or Ulm Dogs.*—Good. The first 1st prize dog, Bruno, belonging to J. W. Jones, was a very good one. Awards in last issue.

CLASSES 30 AND 31.—*For Coach Dogs and Shepherds or Collies*, were nothing extra. Awards correct in last issue.

CLASS 32.—*Bull Dogs.*—Very inferior. Awards correct in last issue.

CLASS 33.—*Bull Terriers.*—Very good class. Mr. Kavanagh considered Dr. Whitcroft's Spider and Lillie, first and second, as good specimens as could be found. Awards correct in last issue.

CLASS 34.—*Pugs.*—In this class there was but one genuine pug, Miss Bessie R. Webb's Rex, which took first in the open class and the siver collar in the special class for the show. Rex is a very good specimen, is nicely marked on the back, has a beautiful nozzle, his only fault being a little too lank in the body, which he is likely to overcome, however, as he develops, being but ten months old. Miss Penniman's Snipe and Flossey, second, and very highly commended, were very excellent specimens of the Willoughby pug. H. T. Adey's Puck was highly commended and Wesley Harper's Fritz commended.

CLASS 35.—For black and tan terriers exceeding eleven pounds in weight, there were no entries.

CLASS 36.—*Black and Tan Terriers not Exceeding Eleven Pounds in Weight.*—This was not a good class. They were two diminutive and lacked coat. Their appearance indicated that in breeding everything had been sacrificed to size. Samuel Browing's Dandy got first and his Tom was very highly commended. R. A. Greacen's Dick was awarded second.

CLASS 37.—*Skye Terriers.*—In this class there were but two Skses, E. S. Doolitttle's Punch, which took first, and the silver cup in special class 24 for the best Skye in the show, and W. Sanderson's Donald (1st and special at Baltimore), which was awarded second. The others were Yorkshire terriers. Mr. Kavanagh, who judged them, made two classes—Skyes and Yorkshires. In the Yorkshires J. A. Brown's Bijou was awarded first, and Thos. Kaahal second; Paul Dana's Nellie was very highly commended, and R. McLellan's Dandy highly commended.

CLASS 38.—*Scotch Terriers.*—Only fair. W. B. Rice's Dandy was first, W. Collin's Gipsey second, J. J. Pharo's Flash very highly commended, T. Green's Quiz highly commended, and J. M. Cropo's (Albany) Joe, which was overlooked, being absent from his stall when the class was being judged, and not found and judged until the awards had been made public, was very highly commended. But for that, we think Joe would have got first.

CLASS 39.—*Dandie Dinmont Terriers.*—There was not a genuine one in the class. The first prize dog, A. Condit's Fido was the nearest to one, and the second, G. B. Raymond's Nip, was a degree still further off. The rest of the class was ruled out.

CLASS 40.—*Toy Terrier's* (not exceeding 5 pounds in weight).—There were three classes in this, though under one head, and in judging them Mr. Kavanagh so divided them, viz.: Very small, smooth coated, black and tans, rough coated, and toy terriers proper. The awards were correctly given in our last. Mrs. Charlton Parke's Whiskey, a white dog with black nose, which took first, was of the old English terrier breed, of which there were but eighteen in the world, was, after the prize was awarded, poisoned—supposed by a disappointed exhibitor. Mrs. Parks refused $700 for him the day he was poisoned. Suspicion points to an individual, but unfortunately the evidence is not sufficiently conclusive to arrest the wretch.

CLASS 41.—*Blenheim Spaniels, King Charles and Japanese Spaniels.*—There was not a pure Blenheim nor pure Japanese, and the King Charles spaniels were only fair.

CLASS 42.—*Italian Greyhounds.*—A very good class.

CLASS 43.—*Poodles.*—Only two entries, but neither of them a pure poodle. The first prize, Emil Felder's Michael Angelo, was white but too large, and the second prize, Mrs. J. M. Rutan's Fecken, was a Russian, and was spoiled by cutting the hair off the fore feet.

CLASS 44.—*Miscellaneous.*—Just what its name indicates. The most noticeable feature in it was Andrew Wagner's Nellie, a brown bitch born without the two front legs, nor was there any protuberance where they ordinarily would be, the skin being smooth. The second prize dog looked much like a mastiff and showed the mastiff cross plainly. J. M. Crapo's Irish terrier Punch, very highly commended, was a very good one.

CLASS 45.—*Trick Dogs.*—Miss Benjamin's troupe of white poodles, which performed afternoon and evening during the show, were awarded the first prize.

SPECIAL CLASSES.

For the best setter of any breed, dog or bitch; the prize, a silver cup, value $150, manufactured and presented by Messrs. Tiffany & Co., was awarded to Smith's Paris after a sharp competition. The four judges, John Davidson, Dr. Twaddell, the Rev. J. Cumming Macdona and Captain John M. Taylor, tied on Paris and Callender's Rory O'Moore. Davidson and Twaddell were in favor of Paris and Macdona and Taylor in favor of Rory O'Moore.

The executive committee appointed Dr. A. Russell Strachan as referee, and Mr. Smith and Mr. Callender accepting him, the Doctor, after carefully examining the dogs, decided in favor of Paris. With Dr. Strachan's decision we find no fault, it was just, and generally accepted as sound; but we cannot see how Pearl was overlooked. Paris is a good dog; Rory also; but Pearl was the champion setter of the show. As Mr. Macdona held her chain and moved her around we could not but conclude that she was the most perfect piece of dog flesh we had ever seen. For the time being, we felt sure she was going to get her just dues and be awarded the champion prize.

For the best pointer of any weight, dog or bitch, the $150 Greener gun was awarded to B. Dilley Royal Fan in a large and good class, and justly did she merit it.

The $150 silver cup, presented by the N. Y. City Association for the Protection of Fish and Game for the best brace of setters of any breed, dogs or bitches, was awarded to Mrs. R. A. McCurdy's Nip and Tuck, by Pride of the Border out of Raymond's Bonnet Care, and was one of the very worst decisions in the show, and one we think it difficult to comprehend.

Mr. Smith's Leicester was objected to and thrown out as an unsound dog, on the ground that he was afflicted with chorea. Now that Leicester has chorea is a mistake. He has not, but being a very nervous and ever chafing when on the chain, he showed, as he always does at such times, a nervous twitching, but there is a great difference between that and chorea. Even supposing he had, the dog had been judged in two classes—in the champion, in which he won, and for best setter in the show, and had not been thrown out. When the dogs were brought into the ring, Mr. Davidson selected, as the brace for the prize, Leicester and Paris. Dr. Twaddell objected to Leicester on the ground that he was suffering from chorea, and was sustained by Captain John M. Taylor, which overruled Davidson, and Leicester was thrown out. Now Captain John M. Taylor judged Leicester at Memphis when he was as he is now, and gave him first prize in his class. Can Captain Taylor give us any good reason why he should have repudiated his decision at Memphis here in New York? If unsound now, Leicester was unsound then. Moreover, Leicester is an English prize winner, and if unsound would undoubtedly have been thrown out there.

The case is clear to us; Leicester had won first as champion of champions; Paris was champion over every setter dog in the open classes, over every dog in that ring but his sire Leicester, with whom he was braced. Now how was it possible for them to be beaten? And the most rediculous and absurd thing is, that Nip and Tuck, which were awarded the prize, had not been even *commended* in their class. No recognition whatever had been taken of *either* of them, and yet they came in and beat, throwing Leicester and Paris out of the question—Guy and Rod very highly and highly commended in the open imported English setter class, Westcott's Pedigree and Magnet second, in open imported English setter class and very highly commended in champion English setter bitch class, and Theodore Morford's May and Don—May very highly commended in English setter champion bitch class, Mercillott's Grace and Pet first and highly commenced in open English setter bitch class, and over other dogs, nearly every one of which had received mention in some form. It was virtually a repudiation of all the previous awards, when two dogs not thought good enough to be *even commended* step to the front as the *best brace of setters of any breed.*

But the cream of the joke is yet to come; when the V.H.C., and H.C.'s were being handed around, it was proposed to V.H.C. Leicester and Paris, to which Mr. Davidson very properly objected. No, said he, Leicester is either a sound or an unsound dog; if sound, Paris and himself are entitled to first prize as a brace; if unsound, they are entitled to nothing, as you cannot very highly commend an unsound dog, and Mr. Davidson was right.

The list of awards were reported in full and correctly in our last issue, except Mr. Dudley Olcott's brace, Rod and Guy, which were very highly commended, and which, when Leicester and Paris were thrown out, were entitled to the first prize.

Mr. Macdona's brace Ranger II and Magnet were also very highly commended.

It is proper to note that we think Rufus, exhibited with Callender's Rory O'More and Von Culin's Fire Fly, deserved the prize for the best Irish setter stud dog. Rufus gets better stock than himself.

We preferred the exhibit of Munn's Duke of Gordon stock to that of Colburn's Dash, and thought him entitled to the first prize as the best black and tan setter stud dog.

The sportsman's traveling trunk, manufactured and presented by Thomson & Son, 301 Broadway, New York, for the best English setter brood bitch, was awarded to L. H. Smith's Dart. E. A. Herzberg's Jessie, Dr. H. A. Rosenthal's Flora, and E. F. Mercilliott's ——— were very highly commended; J. E. Grainger's Nellie was highly commended; A. G. H. Vannote's Nellie was commended.

The split bamboo black bass rod, value $60, manufactured and presented by Messrs. Abbey and Imbrie, No. 48 Maiden Lane, for the best setter dog or bitch, bred in the United States, was awarded to Mr. Dudley Olcott's Guy Mannering, by Pride of the Border out of Fairy.

The Westminster Kennel Club's prize, a pearl handled revolver, for the best pointer puppy, dog or bitch, was awarded to Jesse Sherwood's Sancho, Jr., by Sancho out of Queen.

The handsome silver and gold mounted revolver, for the best Gordon setter puppy, and the handsome silver dog collar for the second best, both presented by C. E. Ritzman, dealer in sportsmen's goods, 943 Broadway, New York, were awarded to Morton Grinnell's Rex and F. W. Maullin's Conn.

The remainder of the special prizes were as reported in our last issue correct.

NOTES.

In the native English setter class, Mr. Lathrop's setter dog Dick, a portrait of which appeared in a recent issue of the CHICAGO FIELD, was overlooked and not judged at all.

Mr. W. J. Farrar withdrew all his entries, as he considered he had been unfairly treated in the judging of his Gordon setter bitch Fan, which he claims was judged and awarded first prize, but, having lost her tag, was put into the wing stall, when she was taken out and the bitch with the tag corresponding to that number was given the first prize.

Milo Seagars complains that his entries Nellie, and Fannie, were passed as imported and not native Gordons, and got nothing.

Whilst Secretary of the Treasury Sherman was looking at a litter of young puppies they commenced a fearful barking, and their dam set up a howl, on which our reporter got off the following, which almost took the life out of them around him, viz.: that the howl over the "*green bark*" was as great as over the greenbacks.

Till, the first prize pointer in the open class, was purchased by C. Dubois Waggstaff, who also purchased Bowker's Gordon setter Kent.

Echo visited Tileston's Lill III.

S. B. Dilley sold his liver and white pointer dog Don, by Ranger out of Queen, to J. E. Caven, of the Kansas City *Times*, for $125.

Mr. Macdona sold the following dogs: his rough coated St. Bernard dog Mungo to Lester Wallack for £100; his smooth coated St. Bernard Neva to Leroy Z. Collins for £75; Ranger II, to O. W. Downer for £125; Magnet (who has visited Ranger II) to Mr. Brown, of Pittsburgh. Pera also goes to Pittsburgh to Mr. McClean.

Mr. August Belmont bought Mr. Copeland's black and tan Gordon setter bitch Norah. Price not made public.

Mr. Copeland gave Mr. Thos. L. Jerome a very handsome puppy out of Norah by Shot. After he gave it away he was offered $100 for it,

Mr. Jesse Sherwood made the following sales: The pointer bitch Queen (which visited Sancho) to Mr. J. E. J. Grainger of Newark, N. J.; to Mr. N. McKay of Philadelphia, Sancho Jr., and Queen I whose names have been changed to Sherwood and Cricket. A Pilot—Dot pup to one of the editors of the *World*; a Grouse—Gipsey pup to one of the editors of the *Times*, and J. E. Caven of the Kansas City *Times*, the Gordon setter Young Rascal by Rascal out of Belton, for $100. He exchanged two setters and one pointer puppy with Tilghman for two braces of Chesapeake dogs by Turk out of Trip.

Mr. Dilly took home with him Dr. Luke Carcoran's liver and white pointer bitch, Bess—the dam of Hammond's brace, Shot and Ben—to breed to Ranger.

The Silver Kennel Club of Stamford, Conn, exhibited the pure white with black points setter bitch, Cora with a litter of pups by Smith's (South Norwalk) Jeff. The pups were all white with black points like their dam. It was a pretty sight, and Cora should have been noticed in the awards, as she was a very handsome bitch.

L. H. Smith's Clipp visited Luther Adams' field trial champion Drake, and Pearl visited champion Paris. Mr. Smith met with a great loss in having stolen from him his Laverack setter bitch Victress. She was in a box in one of the passages under the seats of the Hippodrome. Thursday night a scoundrel broke the slats off and got her out. A reward of $50 has been offered for her, but she has not been recovered. Look out for her; she is small, lemon and white, and very fat.

Doc Stewart, of Johnson's Station, Orange county, N. Y., sold his lemon and white bitch Nellie to Frank H. Cozzens, 29 East Thirty-first, New York. Nellie was broken by Stewart, which is sufficient to know that she is well broken.

The match between the St. Louis Kennel Club and the Westminster Kennel Club as to which is the better dog, Sensation or Sleaford, was not decided, not being able to agree on a judge.

By mistake E. H. Gillman's Chesapeake dog Pride of the Chesapeake, second prize winner, was sold by auction for $9. Fortunately, Lincoln discovered the error, as the purchaser, Mr. C. Beach, was taking him away.

John T. Raymond (Colonel Sellers) bought a pug for $75, which he has called Colonel Sellers. He says hogs and mules, and even the lye water, are very good for a flyer, but for a spec in which there are millions nothing like pugs.

THE AUCTION SALE

was held on Friday morning by Messrs. C. W. Barker & Sons. The dogs brought very low prices and were in some instances sold immediately. The greyhound which sold for $7 was sold within one hour after for $25. Others were sold at similar advances. The following is the list:

Dr. H. H. Rosenthal's Harry, orange and white puppy, four months old, by Sport, out of Flora, for $50, to J. Smith, New York.

M. Hogan's black and tan terrier Nellie to J. Ross, New York, for $11.

Wm. Collins' mastiff Turk to J. Apgar for $16.

G. A. Edmunds' first prize brace of foxhounds, Hunter and Judy, to A. Dowling, for $11.

T. Finn's Irish water spaniel Mac to C. Walton for $25.

Silver Kennel Club's orange and white nine-months-old setter bitch Fly to Mr. Copard, New York, for $11.

R. McLelland's black and tan colley bitch Lassie to C. Walton for $5.

S. Decker's coach dog Carlo was sold for $5.

A Skye terrier to C. Walton for $15.

Two pointer pups out of E. Leavitt's Juno for $17.

Randall Hunt's black and white setter bitch, Diana, 8½ months old, to H. Miller, New York, for $7.

Two native Irish setter pups to C. H. Lee, New York, for $27.

J. H. Roberts' blue and white greyhound Guy, to J. Ross, New York, for $7.

C. H. Brookman's black and tan, second prize toy terriers, for $22.50.

Chas. H. Raymond's liver and white imported setter dog Milo, to C. H. Clayton, New York, for $35.

H. Y. Leavitt's lemon and white pointer dog Shot, three years old, to F. K. Leavitt for $20.

N. Saltus' imported red Irish setter bitch Lill III., to W. M. Tileston, New York, for $45.

MOHAWK.

The Syracuse Bench Show.

DIVISION 1—SPORTING DOGS.

CHAMPION CLASSES.—For either native or imported dogs or bitches that have won first prize at any bench show in this country or abroad, the Centennial bench show at Philadelphia not included.

CLASS 1.—*Champion English Setters.*—For the best dog, prize valued at $25. For the best bitch, prize same value.

CLASS 2.—*Champion Irish Setters.*—For the best dog, prize valued at $25. For the best bitch, prize same value.

CLASS 3.—*Champion Gordon Setters.*—For the best dog, prize valued at $25. For the best bitch, prize same value.

CLASS 4.—*Champion Pointers.*—For the best dog, prize valued at $25. For best bitch, prize same value.

(Judges in this class will be instructed not to discriminate with regard to weight).

CLASS 5.—*Imported English Setters or their progeny of the first generation.*—For the best dog, $20; second best, $10. For the best bitch, $20; second best, $10. For the best dog puppy, under 12 months of age, $10. For the best bitch puppy, under 12 months of age, $10.

OPEN CLASSES.

No dog or bitch which has won a first prize at any bench show can compete in these classes.

CLASS 6.—*Native English Setters.*—For the best dog, $20; second best, $10. For the best bitch, $20; second best, $10. For the best dog puppy, under 12 months of age, $10; for the best bitch puppy, under 12 months of age. $10.

CLASS 7.—*Imported Red, or Red and White Irish Setters or their progeny of the first generation.*—For the best dog, $20; second best, $10. For the best bitch, $20; second best, $10. For the best dog puppy, under 12 months of age, $10; for the best bitch puppy, under 12 months of age, $10.

CLASS 8.—*Native Red, or Red and White Setters, either Irish or Crossbred.*—For the best dog, $20; second best, $10. For the best bitch, $20; second best, $10. For the best dog puppy, under 12 months of age. $10; for the best bitch puppy, under 12 months of age, $10.

CLASS 9.—*Black and Tan, or Black, White and Tan Gordon Setters, either Native or Imported.*—For the best dog, $20; second best, $10. For the best bitch, $20; second best, $10. For the best dog puppy under 12 months, $10. For the best bitch puppy under 12 months, $10.

CLASS 10.—*Pointers of 50 pounds weight or over.*—For the best dog, $20; second best, $10. For the best bitch, $20; second best, $10.

CLASS 11.—*Pointers under 50 pounds weight.*—For best dog, $20; second best, $10. For best bitch, $20; second, $10.

CLASS 12.—*Pointer Puppies.*—For best dog puppy under 12 months of age. $10; for best bitch puppy under 12 months of age. $10.

CLASS. 13. *Retrieving and Field Spaniels Other than Pure Irish.*—For the best dog or bitch, $15; second best, $10.

CLASS 14. *Cocker Spaniels.*—For the best dog or bitch, $15; second best, $10.

CLASS 15. *Fox Hounds.*—For best couple (dogs or bitches) $15; second best. $10.

CLASS 16. *Fox Terriers.*—Fyr best dog or bitch, $15; second best, $10.

DIVISION 2—NON-SPORTING DOGS.

CLASS 17.—*Mastiffs.*—For best dog or bitch $10; second best $5.

CLASS 18.—*St. Bernards.*—For best dog or bitch $10; second best $5.

CLASS 19.—*Newfoundlands.*—For best dog or bitch $10; second best $5.

CLASS 20.—*Dalmatian or Coach Dogs.*—For best dog or bitch $10; second best $5.

CLASS 21,—*Shepherd Dogs or Collies.*—For best dog or bitch $10; second best $5.

CLASS 22.—*Pugs.*—For best dog or bitch $10; second best $5.

CLASS 23.—*Black and Tan Terriers.*—For the best dog or bitch, $10; second best, $5.

CLASS 24.—*Skye Terriers.*—For the best dog or bitch, $10; second best, $5.

CLASS 25.—*Yorkshire Terriers.*—For the best dog or bitch, $10; second best, $5.

CLASS 26.—*Miscellaneous.* (Dogs or Bitches.)—The sum of $15 will be given, to be awarded at the judges' discretion, for breeds of dogs which have not been assigned special classes.

CLASS 27.—Prizes will be awarded for the best trick dogs.

This premium will be awarded by a committee appointed for the purpose, and after competitive exhibitions, to be given on each afternoon and evening of the show.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

No dog belonging to the Bench Show Committee, or to any member thereof, will be entered for premium, although all will be on exhibition.

This Bench Show will be held under the rules adopted by the National American Kennel Club, as

RULE 1. Every person who wishes to exhibit at any show held under these Rules, must at the time of entry clearly identify by name and age (if known) the dog he intends to exhibit, and the name of the sire and dam (if known) must be given. If the name of a dog has been changed it is necessary in entering the said dog to give his old as well as his new name.

RULE 2. If a dog shall be entered without being clearly identified as directed in Rule 1, he shall forfeit any prize that may have been awarded him, and if the omission be detected in time he shall not be allowed to compete, and shall forfeit all entrance fees and subscriptions.

RULE 3. The committee or authorities of any show held under the Kennel Club Rules, may reserve to themselves the right to exclude any dog or dogs belonging to any person who has been proved, to the satisfaction of the committee of the club, to have misconducted himself, in any way, in connection with dogs, dog shows or dog trials.

RULE 4. No dog shall be qualified to compete, or entitled to receive a prize, if awarded, who is suffering from mange, or any other form of contagious disease.

RULE 5. A person, duly qualified, appointed by the committee, shall decide whether a dog is, or is not, suffering from mange or any other contagious disease, and shall give his opinion immediately to the secretary, or committee of the show, in writing, and if found to be afflicted with any such disease, the dog shall be at once removed.

RULE 6. A dog that has been exhibited or has won a prize in a class exclusively for puppies under twelve months old, is not thereby excluded from being exhibited in a class where previous prize winners are not allowed to compete.

RULE 7. All imported dogs and their progeny on both sides (but not the progeny of the latter) shall be entered in the imported class, and be debarred from entering in the native class; but no native dog shall be debarred from entering in the imported class.

RULE 8. Dogs are to be judged by the scale of points used at recent bench shows and copied from the *Fanciers' Gazette.*

RULE 9. No dog shall be penalized for having a docked tail.

In addition to the above, the following rules and regulations will be strictly enforced:

1. An entry fee of $2 will be charged for each animal entered. The entry fee must in all cases accompany the entry. Entries will be received until noon on ———. Dogs must be at the armory, Syracuse, ———. The entrance fee will include care and feed of dogs.

2. All entries must be made on blanks furnished by the club, which can be had from the Superintendent by addressing him at his office, Syracuse

3. The authorities will use due diligence for the care and safety of all dogs exhibited (watchman being on duty both night and day) but it must be distinctly understood that they will not be responsible for loss of or damage to any dog exhibited, whether the result of accident or any other cause.

4. The pedigree of all dogs entered is desired, although not actually required, except in case two dogs in same class should be so nearly equal that judges cannot agree which is the best. In such case if one has an authenticated pedigree and the other has not, the premium will be given to the dog with pedigree.

6. The decision of judges will be final in all cases, unless misrepresentation or collusion can be shown—should this occur the Executive Committee will use their discretion in the matter. Allowance will be made for dogs that have been worked this season, and no deduction will be made for docked tails or ears.

6.—Judges will be instructed to withhold the prizes offered in any class where there is no competition, unless the animal exhibited possesses suitable merit, in which case their discretion shall govern the prize to be awarded, either first or second, and they will then be instructed to withhold prizes where the dogs do not come up to the proper standard of merit.

7.—Exhibitors will be permitted to take home their dogs every evening after the show is closed upon leaving a deposit of five dollars with the check clerk and surrendering their entry tickets, both of which will be returned on the re-producing of the dog in the morning before 10 o'clock. If prize winners should be taken out and not returned the prizes will be forfeited.

8.—Exhibitors need not accompany their dogs. They can be sent direct to the exhibition hall, and direction cards, printed for this purpose, will be furnished by the secretary. All dogs will be promptly returned to their owners at the close of the exhibition, or otherwise disposed of as they may direct.

9.—The show will be open from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. The judging will be done on the first day, and the ribbons will be attached to the stalls of the winners immediately thereafter.

10.—The term dog or bitch implies that the animal is over one year old. The age of it must be computed from date of birth up to the

11.—The members of the committee will be in constant attendance, and especial attention will be given to the care of pet dogs.

12.—Judges will be instructed to give the awards of highly commended and commended where in their option it is warranted.

13.—No dog will be received unless supplied with suitable chain and collar. Bitches with pups and small pups weaned, will have suitable pens provided. Toy dogs will be furnished with suitable cages.

Answers to Correspondents.

KENNEL.

A SUBSCRIBER, Elgin.—Please describe the stag hound. I see there are separate classes for stag hounds and deer hounds at bench shows. Ans. The names are often used, the one for the other, but correctly, the stag hound is the hound used for pursuing the deer in packs and on horseback. He is, perhaps, the nearest link to the old English Southern or Talbot hound, but has been nearly improved (?) out of existence by the modern fox hound. The deer hound is otherwise known as the Scotch gray hound, and is a gaze hound more particularly, whilst the stag hound is a scent follower.

VETERINARY.

P. M. L., Fort Wayne, Ind.—Is there any danger in castrating an old stallion, say ten years old? When is the best time to do it? Ans.—There is not any more danger if he is not too fat and it is properly done. It requires more skill to operate on an old one, as all the features of the case are more aggravated than in a young one; but in skillful hands there is no danger. This is the proper time to do it, then the horse retains some of the proud bearing and energy of the stallion instead of getting fat and lazy, as is the tendency in such a case.

J. L., Des Moines, Ia.—I have a mare eight years old that is a very good one; is large, handsome and stylish, but she has a ringbone on one hind pastern; it is an old one and does not lame her. Would it be safe to breed her? or would it be likely to be transmitted to the foal? Ans.—If the ringbone is entirely free from pain, and is not growing, and was the result of an accident in her case and not hereditary, it might not be transmitted, but there is an acknowledged tendency for such things to become hereditary. It is much preferable to use sound stock for stud purposes.

T. P., Iowa City, Ia.—My driving horse has a little splint coming on the inside of the right fore leg, which makes him a little lame on starting, but soon wears off, only to show itself again the next day. Will you please tell me what to do to it to cure it? It is about an inch and a half below the knee. Ans.—Apply cold water to it to reduce the inflammation and soreness for a couple of days, then clip off the hair over it and rub a little of the following blister well in once a day till the part is well blistered—take of biniodide of mercury one drachm and lard one ounce, mix and apply with the fingers. Give him two or three weeks' rest. Repeat it if necessary after a couple of weeks.

L. W. S., Marshall, Mich.—I have a couple of colts that have distemper, and they are considerably choked up in the head and throat, nearly strangle once in a while. There is an old fogy practice of burning sulphur in an old boot under the colts nose, and make him inhale the fumes; but as my colts are valuable ones, I thought I would consult your veterinarian before doing it. Ans. The practice you speak of is a bad one. The fumes that are generated by burning sulphur, are composed of sulphurous acid gas, and are very irritating to the respiratory organs, and are very poisonous besides. If you want any corroborative evidence, take for instance the fumes of a burning match and inhale them yourself; one sniff I think will convince anyone that the practice is very reprehensible. Steam the colts' heads over a tub of hot water; set the tub on the floor and encourage them to hold their heads down, and throw a blanket over their heads to confine the steam and it will loosen the phlegm and give relief immediately. It is a good plan to poultice the throat, as it encourages it to swell on the outside and thereby lessens the swelling on the inside.

O. D., Toledo, Ohio.—I have a horse that has a bad quarter crack on the inner quarter of left fore foot; it makes him quite lame and it bleeds a little occasionally. What causes it and what shall I do for it? Ans.—Sand cracks are the result of an unhealthy condition of the hoof; it becomes dry and brittle when there is a defective secretion of the unctious substance that is intended by nature to render the hoof pliable, and consequently, tough; when this is wanting the hoof absorbs too much water and when it dries the opposite extreme follows and the fibres separate lengthwise from mere brittleness—a want of elasticity between them. The bleeding is caused by the opening and shutting of the crack while standing on it or while walking, giving rise to considerable lameness. *Treatment.*—Poultice the foot to soften the hoof, then with a sharp shoeing knife pare away the horn for half an inch on each side of the crack from top to bottom, being sure to begin at the very top of the crack so that the new growth will be sound. Stimulate the coronet a little with a mild blister and dress the crack with tar and toe and apply a bar shoe. Give him three or four weeks' rest and the new, sound hoof will soon grow down.

HORSE.

A. G. O., Fort Scott, Kan.—Please inform us how to lay out a half-mile track for trotting purposes. Ans.—To lay off a half-mile track, run off two straight parallel sides 600 feet long and 452 feet 4⅜ inches apart, connect at each end with a perfect semi-circle, (radius 226 feet 2 3-16 inches,) place your fence exactly upon the line so formed,(which is the inside of the track,) and your track will measure exactly half a mile three feet from the fence; the outside fence to be placed according to the width of track desired. If not convenient to obtain a competent engineer to run the curves it can be done as follows: Place a stake midway between the two parallel sides at each end; take a wire with a loop on the end loose enough to turn on the stake, measure on this wire 226 feet 2 3-16 inches, (the radius of the curves,) which, from the centre stake, will exactly reach the ends of the straight sides, then describe a semi-circle by beginning at the end of one straight side and running around to the other, driving a stake every twelve feet, if that is the length of fence panel desired. There are several other methods of laying off tracks that have been published from time to time. This, doubtless, is as simple and easy as any other method, and probably the best when the track is wanted in the shape of a parallelogram.

GAME AND SHOOTING.

GREEN, St. Louis.—Will you oblige a constant reader of your paper by giving me, through your answer to correspondents, the tariff or duty on English guns imported into Canada. Ans. 17½ per cent. *ad valorem.*

S. W. C., Princeton.—1. Are game and fish plenty in the northwestern part of Iowa? 2. About what is the fare from Chicago to Sheldon, O'Brien county? 3. Could a person take a dog with him, and what would be the expense? Ans. 1. Yes. 2. $16.25 to Sioux City by I. C. R. R., and about $2 thence to Sheldon on Sioux City and Pacific. 3. Yes.

TRAP-SHOOTING.

Osage City.—What are the prices for the Bogardus trap and balls? (2.) Where can I get them in Chicago? Ans.—Single trap, $12; sets of three, $30. Glass balls, $2.50 per hundred, delivered here. (2.) E. T. Martin, 79 Clark street.

ATHLETIC.

H. A. C., New York.—Kindly inform me what is the best amateur time at half a mile and by whom made. Ans.—Half mile, 1:58¼; one mile, 4:24½; both by W. Slade, England.

G. G. L. S., LaSalle.—Can any man be the champion of the world at any sport? For instance: is O'Leary champion walkist of the world; if so, how, after being beaten by Crossland in England? Ans.—No man has a right to the title "Champion of the World" unless he has won it and can hold it against all comers. O'Leary can clearly claim the 500 mile championship on his merits, but nothing else.

NATURAL HISTORY.

HIGHWAY, Savannah, Ga.—Which is the largest of the hawk tribe, the male or the female? Ans.—The famale.

W. Z. E., Fort Scott, Kansas.—Birds received. The larger bird is the Virginia rail, similar to the English land rail or corncake. The smaller bird is the water rail.

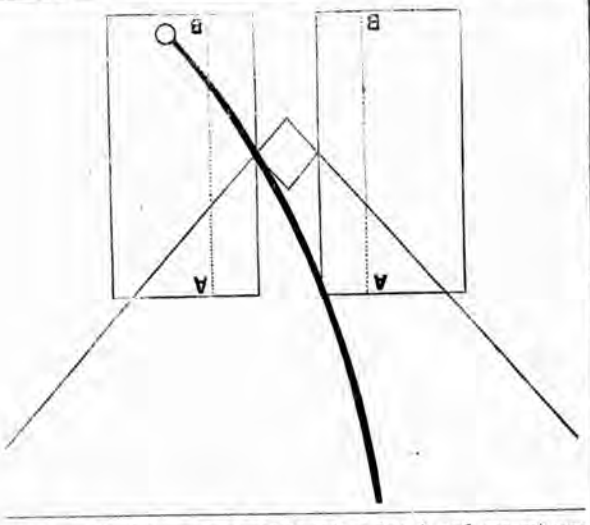
Base Ball.

Small and Large Scores.

The season of 1877 opened up with very small scores and an immediate cry went forth from the noble army of reporters that the pitching was superior to the batting, and that the under-hand throwers of to-day were far ahead of the pitchers of the past or present. This may be the case, but we are induced to think that there are other and more potent reasons for the paucity of runs. To begin with, the ball was not as lively as intended it should be nor of a uniform make; this has been altered and huge scores are the result. But the main cause of small scores in the early part of the season may be set down to the lack of practice with the bat. There is nothing a man so quickly loses as that working together of hand and eye that is essential to *placing* the ball. Such is the experience not only of ball players, but of cricketers and racquet players who find it absolutely necessary to good scoring to be in continual practice with the bat. In batting, the sympathetic action of hand and eye is the main agent, in fielding, pitching, base running, catching, throwing, the effort is almost purely muscular, and a very little practice gets the eye accustomed to its duties after the muscles are all tuned to work.

During our long winter every player has a certain amount of throwing and catching practice, and spring exercise tones up the muscles, but the amount of batting practice is next to nothing. Gymnasium work and some little field practice has "limbered up" every fielder, and the pitcher and catcher come out in the very finest order, for they have had just enough work to get into splendid trim and not enough to bruise the catcher's hands and wring the pitcher's shoulder muscles, as a protracted struggle would do. Consequently the odds are all against the batsman,—he knows what should be done, but hand and eye will not work together quick enough to do it, and he is put out on foul tips, pop flies and strikes, though he may occasionally get in a two or three baser. But as he practices his hand and eye become sympathetic and run getting more feasible.

Besides all this, however, the batsman this year is handicapped disadvantageously by the loss of the fair foul, which it was well to abolish, undoubtedly, as it left too much to an umpire's option; but some better equivalent should be given to the batsman than the mere advance of his position, and of the home plate, into the diamond. The pitcher has every latitude allowed him in his space, and can move from side to side and vary the curves of his delivery: but the batsman must stand in the same position to hit an "inside" curve as an "outside" curve. His present position is good enough with regards to the "inside curve," but he is at a disadvantage with the outside curve. The batsman's position is behind a line (a. b.) drawn twelve inches from the corner of the home plate and parallel to a line through the centers of home and second base and the diagonal width of the home plate is 17 inches; thus if an outside ball comes just over the far corner



of the plate the batsman is placed 28 inches from it and can get very little more than the end of his bat onto it. Of course he has not full command over it and cannot place it where he may desire. If he lets it go it is called a strike on him; if he strikes it, it will probably go into the left field or in that direction and be detrimental to the prospects of a man on second getting to third.

We would suggest, then, that the batsman's space be enlarged to 4 ft. wide and to extend to the corner of the home plate which would give him the command over all balls passing over the plate and over such that might pass near enough to disturb his judgment or that of the umpire. We would have suggested further latitude, but that experience goes to show that batsmen might incommode the catcher, leaving it optional to the umpire to decide whether such was the case or not, which we deprecate.

The ball was thought by the league managers to be the chief cause of these small scores, so they ordered a more lively one instead of merely ordering them to be of uniform liveliness with the best of those already put in. In consequence now, is a ball not much more lively than the best of the first batch but as hard as wood—one which players find hard to hold, which causes errors, large scores and long games. This ball has too much rubber in it. We believe that a ball should not contain any rubber at all, but be made up of compressed feathers for a heart with pure worsted yarn twisted tightly and uniformly. Such a ball can be made soft enough not to smash the delicate fingered creatures of the profession, and yet lively enough to earn a home run if hit squarely, and a safe hit when placed properly This two-ounces-of-rubber ball can be held when men get accustomed to its hardness, but meanwhile it is often dropped at critical times and, many runs resulting drags out the game to an undue length, which is liable to spoil the game as a national pastime. We do not believe in doing away with a lively ball, but in doing away with the solid hardness that must be the consequence of a ball containing two ounces of rubber and other material enough to make it keep up to grade in size and weight. Keep to a moderately lively ball and give the batsman a better chance of getting hold of it.

Championship Games.

CHICAGO VS. HARTFODS.

On May 8th a good fielding and batting game.

Chicago	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	—6
Hartford	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	—5

ST. LOUIS VS. BOSTON.

On May 8th, at St. Louis. Bond severely hit. 11 safe hits to 3 in favor of St. Louis.

St. Louis	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	—3
Boston	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	—2

CINCINNATI VS. LOUISVILLE.

At Louisville on May the 10th the "Reds Redivivus" of Cincinnati played a pretty "march around" to the tune of 23 safe hits off of the "terror of the West." Cuthbert's batting was something of the old time, as he whacked two singles and two two basers. It was a general muffin struggle, however, as the mistakes and lost opportunities exceeded the safe hits. Manning and Mathews both took a hand in the pitching for the Reds.

Louisvilles	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	—10
Cincinnati	4	0	5	2	2	0	0	2	0	—15

HARTFORDS VS. CHICAGO.

At Chicago on May 10th the Hartford club turned the tables on the White Stockings in a bad game, where mistakes were made at critical occasions by the White Stockings; the seven runs in the 7th inning should have been a cipher, as an easy chance resulted in a muff and six safe hits. Bradley pitched the first five innings, went off, and again resumed work when Spalding was pounded. Safe hits, C. 12, H. 19.

Chicago	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	3	—10
Hartford	0	1	0	6	0	0	7	0	0	—14

ST. LOUIS VS. BOSTON.

At St. Louis, on May 10th, the Bostons received their second defeat at the hands of the St. Louis team. The game, as that at at Chicago on the same day, was with one of the new lively, but too hard, balls. McGeary did not play, having been lamed in the first game. Dehlman played 1st and Cross 2d. Battin played brilliantly at 3d and made two three basers. Safe hits—St. L. 7; B. 9.

St. Louis	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	—6
Boston	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	—5

BOSTONS VS. CHICAGOS.

The ex-champions routed the champions on May 12th deservedly; for, notwithstanding some strange decisions of the umpire, the Whites erred abundantly, and Bradley was thoroughly whacked all over the field to a lively tune. White played first in faultless and brilliant style, his returns to home plate being remarkably good on two occasions. McVey's hands became used up in the sixth inning, and Anson caught well. Bradley as a pitcher did not shine a brilliant, unapproachable star by any means, as the safe hits were 20 to 13 in Bond's favor—some very long hits were made on both sides—four two basers off Bond in the sixth inning, and a fearful three baser off Bradley by Brown in the 9th. Cone's umpiring throughout was generally unsatisfactory.

Chicago	4	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	—9
Boston	6	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	5	—18

LOUISVILLE VS. CINCINNATI.

At Cincinnati, May 14th, the Louisville club administered a crushing defeat to the Reds. Mathews pitched during the first five innings, and having 15 safe hits made off him, retired. Manning then went on, and fared no better, as 15 more were made. Addy was the only Red who hit Devlin safely to any amount, making 5 safe hits, as also Hall. The Reds muffed badly, but the Louisvilles played a good game.

Cincinnati	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	—6
Louisville	5	0	0	0	7	4	3	3	2	—24

CINCINNATI VS. ST. LOUIS.

At Cincinnati, on May 15th, the Louisville club were defeated, on the decision of the umpire, and justly. During the seventh innings two men were out, two runs scored, Craver on third and Crowley to the bat. Two balls and two strikes had been called, the next ball was wide, and the umpire told Crowley to take his base. On appeal, he reversed his decision, and the Louisvilles objecting, the man was declared out, and the Louisvilles left the ground. Up to the dispute the game was fair to middling. Hicks muffed badly. The umpire mutually agreed upon was Brady, late of the Ludlows.

Cincinnati	2	0	0	2	0	1	—(5)—9
Louisville	0	2	2	2	0	2	—(8)—0

ST. LOUIS VS. HARTFORD.

On May 15th the St. Louis club won their third game by beating the Hartfords, by close, fine fielding. St. Louis earned one run.

St. Louis	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	—6
Hartford	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	—2

BOSTON—CHICAGO.

At Chicago on May 16th a miserable and uninteresting game was played between these clubs. The champions—the great batsmen and hitters weakening about the lively and illegal ball, the umpire's decision, and fortune gave them one of the deadest of the first batch that were objected to at the Cincinnati meeting. At first there was some life in it; but towards the latter half of the game it assumed more of a spheroidal than spherical shape when struck. With such a pudding all the batting skill of Chicago and Boston could only whack out eight safe hits and three of them scratches. The game could only have been won by the substitution of a lively ball or a fluke. The fluke did it—Spalding at first, overanxious to make a double play, threw high to second out in to left center field, Bond ran to third, Hines threw high, and Bond ran home. So much for the pudding. Bradley pitched 141, called fair balls 19, called balls 11, safe hits 5. Bond pitched 173., called fair balls 25, called balls 17, safe hits 3; the only brilliant plays were Sutton's foul bound catch and Anson's throwing out Murnan at second. Anson's catching was good.

Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0
Boston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—1

ST. LOUIS VS. CHICAGO.

On May 17th, at Chicago, a poor game, unearned runs and weak hits, being the result of a pudding ball. Some muffing in early part of the game. Bradley's pitching—Balls pitched, 144; fair balls, 24; balls called, 14; fouls and foul bounds, 18; safe hits, 6: first on errors, 3. Nichols' pitching—Balls pitched, 175; fair balls, 26; balls called, 17; fouls and foul bounds, 34; safe hits, 5; first on errors, 3. The score was:

Chicago	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—2
St. Louis	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—3

Other Games.

ALLEGHENYS—BOSTON.—At Pittsburg, May 2d, Bostons defeated—Galvin making a home run, over the fence—by 1 to 0.

CHICAGO—INDIANAPOLIS.—May 2d at Indianapolis; Chicago won by 7 to 3.

HARTFORD—CRICKETS.—May 2d, at Binghampton, the home team suffered defeat by 13 to 8.

BOSTONS—ALLEGHENY.—On may 3d the Bostons turned the table on the Allegheny team by 2 to 0.

HARTFORD—ROCHESTER.—On May 3d and 4th, at Rochester, the home team was defeated by 6 to 1 and 4 to 0. Purroy's pitching caused six Hartford men to strike out in two games.

CHICAGO—STARS.—On May 4th, at Chicago, 1 to 0 in favor of the home club.

CHICAGO—STARS.—On May 5th, at Chicago, 9 to 5 in favor of the White Stockings: twenty safe hits off of McCormick, whose over elbow throwing was checked by the umpire. McVey caught very well for the Whites.

MINNEAPOLIS—ST. PAUL.—On May 5th, 1 to 0 in favor of Minneapolis. Hoffman, of the winning club, played finely behind the bat.

WEST END—ST. PAUL.—On May 5th, at Milwaukee, 8 to 5 in favor of the home team.

HARTFORD—TECUMSEH.—On May 5th, at London, Canada; home club defeated 6 to 2.

INDIANAPOLIS—LOUISVILLE—On May 9th, Kentucky Club out-played at every point. Golden earning the only run made on his own two baser and Warner's safe drive.

ALLEGHENYS—TECUMSEH.—At London, Canada, on May the 9th, the Alleghenys won a fine game from the home club by 2 to 0.

STARS—WEST ENDS.—At Milwaukee on May 10th Stars won by 7 to 0.

LOWELLS—LIVE OAKS.—At Lynn, Mass., on May 10th, the Lowells defeated the home team by 3 to 0.

STARS—DETROITS.—May 10th, Higham not playing for Stars,—16 to 3 in favor of Syracuse.

ROCHESTERS—ALLEGHENYS.—On May 10th, after a very finely-played game, in which the batting was weak, the home club was victorious by 2 to 0.

MAPLE LEAVES—ALLEGHENYS.—At Guelph, Canada, on May 10th, the Allegheny club was outplayed in a close-fought game by 3 to 2.

ATHLETICS—CHELSEAS.—At New York, on May 11, the Athletics beat the Chelseas, after a most determined contest, by 2 to 1.

ALLEGHENY—MAPLE LEAVES.—On May 11th, at Guelph, Canada, the Pennsylvania club turned the tables on the Canucks, after a fine display, by 7 to 0.

TECUMSEH—STARS.—On May 11th, at London, Canada, the home club defeated the Stars, of Syracuse, by 7 to 2.

LOWELL—MANCHESTER.—At Manchester, N. H., on May 12th, after a good game, in which the pitching had the best of the batting, the Lowells won by 2 to 1.

HARVARD—AMHERST.—On May 12th at Amherst, Mass., the Harvards won by 9 to 1, doing good fielding to the fine pitching of Ernst.

INDIANAPOLIS—BUCKEYE.—On May 14th, at Indianapolis, the Buckeyes were defeated by 4 to 0. The runs were made in the third and ninth innings. The fielding was generally good, with the exception of the Buckeye catcher, Barnie. Safe hits 4 to 0 in favor of the Buckeyes.

ROCHESTER—LIVE OAKS.—May 14th at Rochester in favor of the home team by 7 to 0.

TECUMSEH—DETROIT.—May 15th at Detroit, in favor of the foreigners by 15 to 0.

MUTUALS—WEST ENDS.—Janesville, Wis., May 15th the Milwaukee team were well thrashed, 13 to 1 being the result.

ROCHESTER—ALLEGHENYS.—At Rochester on May 17th, the Alleghenys were defeated by 2 to 0, the game being a fine pitching and fielding exhibition.

Base Ball Notes.

The nerves of the Cincinnati and Louisville base ball reporters are undergoing a terific strain. Their hearts refuse to "sit still" whilst the prospects fluctuate. According to latest reports the Buckeyes are in the cave of gloom twenty-four to six was a crusher, and their only resource is to cackle over the safe hits of past games.

The action of Ben Shott pseudo maneger of the Ludlows of Cincinnati, is a disgrace to the profession. If there is any truth in the report that he deserted his men without a dollar, and that Retterson had to be helped home from Louisville by subscription, a black mark should be chalked up against him to last for his life time.

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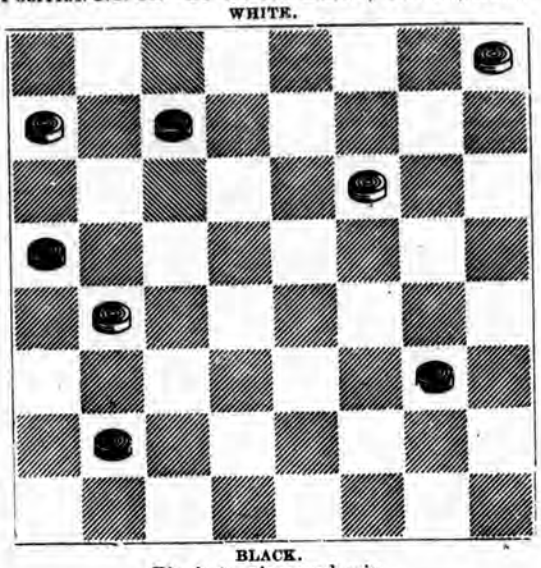

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23-27	18-23	19-24	27-31		
21-14	11-18	28-19	18-27	31- 6	B. wins.

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JAMES HILL, Providence.—Will answer by letter.

L. B. HOWE, Geneseo, N. Y.—Price list sent by mail.

C. B. WEST, Malvern, Iowa.—Price list sent by mail.

JOHN DEMPSTER, JR., New York.—Communication at hand.

HENRY JOHN COOK, Henry, Ill.—Position accepted with thanks.

W. B. FONVILLE, Kankakee, Ill.—Papers sent. We think you are right.

W. E. TRUAX, Motley, Minn.—Shall be pleased to behold it—send it along.

T. A. SMEDLEY, Macon, Mo.—The promised contributions will be very welcome.

A. F. WORCESTER, Omro, Wis.—Let us know the score, please. The book will cost you $5.

H. D. LYMAN, Washington, D. C.—Your neat little problem is all that could be desired. It shall appear.

R. MCCALL, Glasgow, Scotland.—Communication received with thanks. Have complied with your request.

C. HEFTER, City.—Mr. Truax would like to see some of your play on Game No. 186. He says "this way of saying 28-24 draws, or wins, looks like a nice way of drawing out play," and if you will give him your play, he "will know what you are driving at."

CHECKER INTELLIGENCE.

Mr. W. E. Truax has started a checker column in the *Fargo Times*.

The largest checker library in the West is possessed by F. N. Johnson, Esq., of Chicago.

A new checker column has made its appearance in the *Chicago Post*, conducted by Mr. Charlie Hefter.

Messrs. Busby and Priest have arranged to play a match of fifty games, for $200, at Wilmington, Del., commencing on the 21st of May.

Mr. W. R. Barker, of Boston, Mass., the ex-champion of the United States, recently played seven blindfold games of checkers simultaneously, with leading players of Boston, and every game resulted in a draw.

Mr. A. F. Worcester, draughts editor of the *Omro (Wis.) Journal*, will be in town next week. As he has beaten Mr. Shockey, he will doubtless be able to make a very creditable score with the Chicago players.

Some of our exchanges announce that Mr. Shockey is on the way from Berlin, Wisconsin, to Chicago to play a match with Mr. Hefter. As he has not as yet put in an appearance here, we have no means of ascertaining what method of transit he employed; whether he is coming on foot, or by rail, and as several weeks have elapsed since he was announced to be "on the way," we conclude that he is now somewhere up in the wilds of the Badger State, exercising his pedestrian proclivities.

The great match for the world's championship between Messrs. Martins and Yates, commenced on the 7th inst., at the Cafe International, New York. The score as far as reported at the time we go to press, stands:

Martins ..... 1 Yates ..... 3 Drawn ..... 9 Total 13

GAME NO. 192—"WILL O' THE WISP."

Played by correspondence between Charlie Hefter' of Chicago, and R. Hofmann, of New York City.

HEFTER'S MOVE.

11-15	18-11	3- 7	23-16	23-26	2- 6
23-19	16-20	19-15 (d)	12-19	3- 7	24-27
9-13	31-27 (c)	10-26	15-10	9-11	32-23
26-23	7-16	30-23	19-23	16- 7	18-27
8-11	22-18	1- 5 (e)	10- 3	26-31	6- 9
23-18	9-14	22-18	14-18	7- 2	14-18
6- 9 (a)	18- 9	5- 9	24-19	31-24	9-14
27-23	5-14	18-15	9-14	28-19	18-23
11-16 (b)	25-22	16-19 (f)	19-16	20-24	29-25
					Drawn.

NOTES BY C. HEFTER.

(a) Leaves book play.
(b) Can Whites win after this move?
(c) 32-27 followed by 30-26 would have given White a much stronger position if not a win.
(d) Very generous.
(e) This establishes a draw. Can anyone point out a win by any other line of play?
(f) This sacrifice seems imperative.

GAME NO. 193—EDINBURGH.

EIGHTH GAME.

Played by telegraph in the recent match between Mr. W. E. Truax, of Motley, and Dave Williard, of Aiken, Minn.

WILLIARD'S MOVE.

9-13	22-15	2- 6	21-17	11-15	6- 2
22-18	11-18	19-15	22-25	17-13	7-11
10-15	29-25	6- 9	30-21	29-25	2- 7
25-22	8-11	23-19	18-22	13- 9	11-15
6-10	24-19	17-22	15-10	15-18	7-11
18-14	4- 8	26-17	22-25	31-27 (b)	18-23
10-17	28-24	9-13	27-24	25-22	27-18
21-14	13-17	25-21	25-29	9- 6	15-22
15-18 (a)	24-20	13-22	32-28	22-17	11- 4
					Truax won.

NOTES BY W. E TRUAX.

(a) I think this loses.
(b) 9-6 would allow black to draw.

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PREMIUMS, - - - - $7,000

Classes.....	3:00	2:40	2:50	2:34
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JUNE 26, 27, 28, and 29.

PREMIUMS, - - - - $8,000

Classes.....	3:00	2:40	2:50	2:34
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	2:30	2:23	2:26	2:17

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Second Day—Wednesday, June 13.

3. Purse $500, for 2:43 class.
4. Purse $500, for 2:28 class.

Third Day—Thursday, June 14.

5. Purse $500, for 2:48 class.
6. Purse $200, for Linn County, (Iowa), horses owned 60 days previous, barring Hartford and Regent.

Fourth Day- Friday, June 15.

7. Purse $500, for 2:33 class.
8. Purse $600, free to all.
9. Purse $300. Citizens' Novelty race, two mile dash, running, to rule.

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Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse; four to enter, three to start.

Entries close on Monday, June 4, 1877, at 11 P. M., and must be addressed to P. MARTEL, Secretary' Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

☞ The Association has deposited Forty-One Hundred Dollars in the City National Bank of Cedar Rapids to pay the premiums.

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No. 2.—$500. For horses with no record below 2:30; first horse, $250; second, $125; third, $75; fourth, $50.

No. 3.—$300. Novelty Race, two mile dash to rule. The first horse to the quarter pole, $25, the first horse to the half mile pole, $50, the first horse to the three-quarter mile pole, $50, the first horse to the mile pole, $75, the first horse making two miles, $100.

No. 4.—$250. For four year old colts; first horse, $125; second, $60; third, $40; fourth, $25.

Second Day—Wednesday, June 6th.

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No. 7.—$500. For horses with no record below 2:35; first horse, $250; second, $125; third, $75; fourth, $50.

Third Day—Thursday, June 7th.

No. 8.—$500. For horses with no record below 3:00; first horse, $250; second, $125; third, $75; fourth, $50.

No. 9.—$300. Running, mile heats, to rule, best three in five; first horse, $200; second, $75; third, $25.

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First Day, Tuesday, June 12.

1. Purse $800, for 2:24 class; $400 to first, $200 to second, $120 to third, $80 to fourth.
2. Purse $400, for 3:00 class; $200 to first, $100 to second, $60 to third, $40 to fourth.

Second Day, Wednesday, June 13.

3. Purse $700, for 2:30 class; $350 to first, $180 to second, $100 to third, $70 to fourth.
4. Purse $500, for 2:45 class; $250 to first, $125 to second, $75 to third, $50 to fourth.

Third Day, Thursday, June 14.

5. Purse $500, for 2:34 class; $250 to first, $125 to second, $75 to third, $50 to fourth.
6. Purse $400, for 2:50 class; $200 to first, $100 to second, $60 to third, $40 to fourth.

Fourth Day, Friday, June 15.

7. Purse $500, for 2:40 class; $250 to first, $125 to second, $75 to third, $50 to fourth.
8. Purse $1,200, for 2:19 class; $600 to first, $300 to second, $180 to third, $120 to fourth.

Entries for trotting in the first meeting will close on SATURDAY, JUNE 2, at 11 P. M.

SECOND MEETING.—RUNNING AND TROTTING.

First Day, Saturday, June 30.

1. Purse $250; dash mile and one-quarter, for all ages; $200 to first, $50 to second.
2. Garden City Stakes, for three-year-olds; $50 each, p. p., $300 added; second horse to receive $100; mile and repeat. To close June 1.
3. Purse $300, mile heats, for all ages; $250 to first, $50 to second.
4. Trotting Purse $500, for 2:40 class; $250 to first, $125 to second, $75 to third, $50 to fourth.

Second Day, Monday, July 2.

5. Purse $200, dash one mile and one-eighth, for all ages; $150 to first, $50 to second.
6. Hotel Stake, for two-year-olds, $25 each, p. p., $150 added; second horse to receive $50; dash three-quarters of a mile. To close June 1.
7. Purse $450, dash two miles, for all ages; $350 to first, $100 to second.
8. Trotting Purse $600, for 2:26 class; $300 to first, $150 to second, $90 to third, $60 to fourth.

Third Day, Tuesday, July 3.

9. Purse $300, dash of one mile and three-quarters, for all ages; $250 to first, $50 to second.
10. Dexter Park Stake, for three-year-olds; $50 each, p. p., $300 added; dash of one mile and one-half; the winner of the Garden City Stakes to carry 5 lbs. penalty; second horse to receive $100. To close June 1.
11. Purse $500, dash of two miles and three-quarters, for all ages; $350 to first, $100 to second, $50 to third.
12. Trotting purse $1,200, for 2:19 class; $600 to first, $300 to second, $180 to third, $120 to fourth.

Fourth Day, Wednesday, July 4.

13. Purse $500, two miles and repeat, for all ages; $350 to first, $150 to second.
14. Consolation Purse $200, for beaten horses; horses beaten once allowed 5 lbs., twice 10 lbs., three times 15 lbs.; $150 to first, $50 to second; mile and repeat.
15. Purse $300, hurdle race, mile heats, over four hurdles; welter weights; $250 to first, $50 to second.
16. Purse $150 for gentlemen riders, one mile and one-eighth; welter weights, $100 to first, $50 to second.
17. Trotting purse $600; 2:33 class; $300 to first, $150 to second, $90 to third, $60 to fourth.

Stake Race, for three-year-olds; $50 each, p. p., $300 added, second horse to receive $100; dash of two miles; winners of Garden City and Dexter Park Stakes to carry 5 lbs. penalty. To close June 1.

N. B.—This stake to be run on WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, during the Summer meeting, the programme for which will be issued in a few days, and will comprise Trotting and Running as heretofore. Premiums of about $15,000 will be offered for the regular Summer Meeting.

Entries for trotting in the Second meeting will close on SATURDAY, JUNE 23, at 11 P. M.

CONDITIONS.

Contests for the above trotting premiums, which will be mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness, will be governed by the Rules of the National Trotting Association. Entrance fee, ten per cent. of purse. Four to enter and three to start. In heats where eight or more horses start the distance will be 150 yards. A horse distancing the field, or any part thereof, will be awarded one premium only. Heats in each day's races will be trotted alternately.

Contests for running will be governed by the Lexington rules, except the entrance fee, which will be ten per cent. of purse, stakes excepted, and entries for the first race will close at 12 M. the day previous to the first race, at the Club House and for all others, twenty minutes after the last race each day. In all purses and stakes, four to enter and three to start. All entries must be addressed to

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ORDNANCE NOTES, - No. 5.

WASHINGTON, JUNE 27, 1873.

REVOLVERS USING METALLIC AMMUNITION.

FIRST REPORT on New Model Colt and Smith & Wesson Revolvers. Made at National Armory, December 27, 1872.

NATIONAL ARMORY, SPRINGFIELD, MASS., December 27, 1872.

SIR: In accordance with your instructions, I have tested three Smith & Wesson revolvers (new model) and the Colt's revolver (new model), submitted by Gen. W. B. Franklin, and have the honor to make the following report thereon:

[DESCRIPTION OMITTED.]

The new model Colt revolver is not an alteration of their old revolver for paper cartridges, as is the model now in service. It is made with a solid frame, inclosing the cylinder, and into which the barrel is screwed. The cylinder is of greater diameter and a little shorter than the old one. The hand which rotates the cylinder is an improvement, having two fingers, one of which reinforces the other, giving a considerable gain of power. The ejector is similar to the old one, but one end of the ejector tube is set in the frame, the other being fastened to the barrel by a screw. The base pin is held in place by a screw through the frame.

This revolver is supplied with a safety notch, on which it can be carried without the firing pin touching the cartridge. The other parts are essentially the same as in the old model.

As required by the instructions from Ordnance Office, I give below the details of the tests to which the revolvers have been subjected:

[DETAILS OMITTED.]

The Colt revolver was first fired three hundred rounds with service ammunition, allowing it to cool after each hundred rounds. No difficulty was experienced from it, and only one cartridge failed to explode. This one was found to be defective in fulminate.

The revolver was then laid in the snow, water poured over it, and it was allowed to remain in the weather three days and nights. When taken up again it was rusted considerably but worked perfectly. It was again fired up to two hundred rounds, with two catridges failing to explode. One of these exploded at second trial and the other with the punch and hammer.

The Colt and one of the Smith & Wesson were then fired for accuracy at fifty yards. A target of ten shots with each gave mean absolute deviation—for Colt, 3.11 in; for the Smith & Wesson, 4.39 in.

Both revolvers were then placed in a close box connected with the pulverizer, and well sanded. The sand did not affect the working of either.

They were then fired at twenty-five yards distance for penetration. The average penetration for ten shots with each was—for the Colt, 4.1 in.; for the Smith & Wesson, 3.35 in.

The Smith & Wesson was then fired one hundred rounds and the Colt two hundred rounds. No difficulty was experienced with either, only a slight increase in friction being noticeable in the Smith & Wesson. One cartridge failed to explode in the Colt and eight in the Smith & Wesson. The one failing in the Colt was exploded with a centre punch. Six of those failing in the Smith & Wesson exploded at second trial, one at third trial, and the other one was without fulminate.

I finally tried the "Leet" cartridges in the Colt revolver to ascertain the effect of bursting through the cap, as they had done with the Smith & Wesson. The cartridges were taken from the same box, and about twenty of them from the same package as those that burst in the Smith & Wesson revolvers, but out of eighty fired none burst. At the same time, of four cartridges from this package fired in the Smith & Wesson revolver two burst as before.

The Smith & Wesson revolvers have been fired respectively 989, 606 and 845 rounds; the Colt about 800 rounds. The better working of the Colt is noticeable throughout. No difficulty has been found with it, while the Smith & Wesson has several times clogged to such an extent as to render it almost impossible to cock it. This clogging is most liable to occur in cold and dry weather, when the fouling is allowed to harden on the piece The lengthening of the "collar" was intended to overcome this liability to clog, as developed in the model now in the hands of the troops, and has, no doubt, reduced it. The cylinder stop is also an improvement, and the strengthening of parts, which is the object of most of the changes, has ma a better weapon than the old one, but I still regard it as rather delicate for general service. The two parts of this revolver which broke during the trial may have contained defects, but these and other parts of it are of such a character as to develop defects in the manufacture.

A great objection to this arm is the difficulty of dismounting for cleaning and re-assembling it. Though improved in this respect by the marking of the gear and frame and the change in the rack, soldiers generally would still find it complicated.

The only superiority it can claim over the Colt is the greater rapidity of ejecting the empty cases. I think that in the case of poor ammunition and the bursting of the heads of cartridges in the two arms, the Smith & Wesson could more readily be relieved from the consequent clogging than the Colt.

In the Colt the number of the parts is less, they are more simple and stronger, and are not subjected to as great strains as those in the Smith & Wesson. It can be dismounted for cleaning by drawing one screw and slipping out the base pin, and reassembled with the same ease.

I have no hesitation in declaring the Colt revolver superior in most respects, and much better adapted to the wants of the army than the Smith & Wesson.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN R. EDIF,

Captain of Ordnance.

Major J. G. BENTON, Commanding.

Approved and respectfully forwarded to the Chief of Ordnance, agreeably to his instructions of September 2, 1873.

J. G. BENTON

Major of Ordnance, Commanding.

[Further details embracing other rejected arms omitted.]

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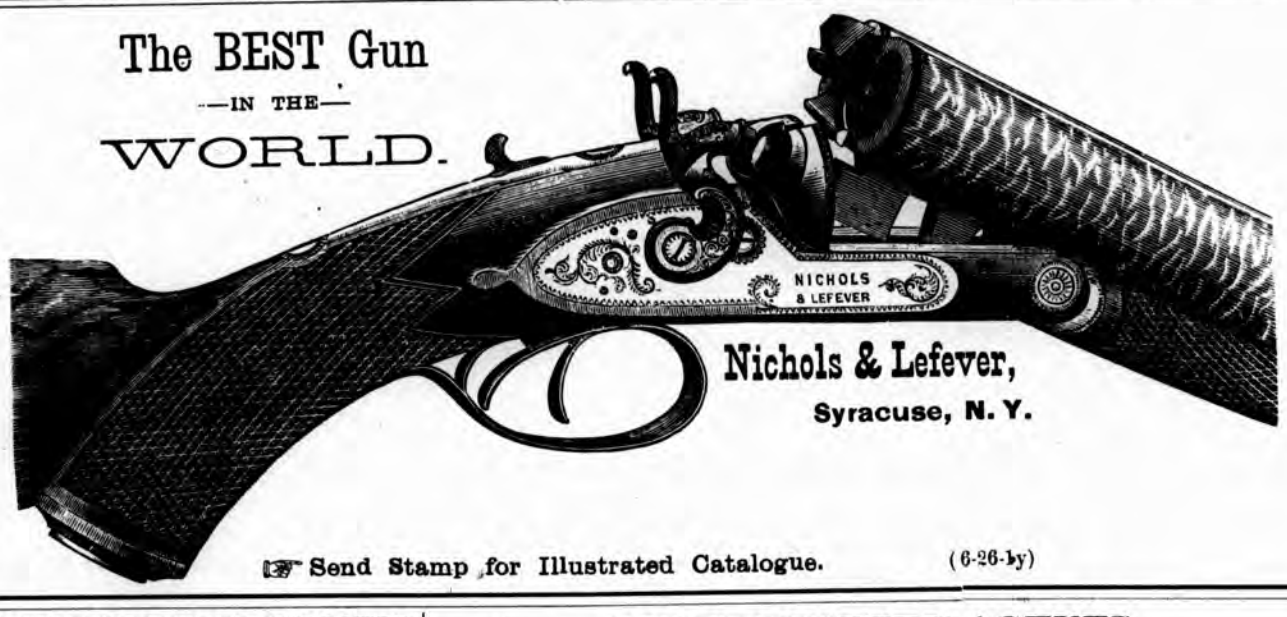

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